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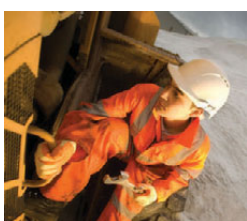
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Guardiola faces worst run at City

PEP Guardiola is determined to get Manchester City back to winning ways at the Saints' expense.

City's midweek humbling by Barcelona in the Champions League extended their winless run to four games.

It is an unfamiliar scenario for manager Guardiola and another disappointing result as Southampton travel to the Etihad in the Premier League on Sunday would equal the worst run of his career.

Only once has former Barca and Bayern Munich boss Guardiola gone five games without a win, at the Nou Camp more than seven years ago.

Guardiola said: "Managers in other parts of the club have to think short and long term but the (team) managers day by day. We are judged on what happens today, so I'm thinking about Southampton."

"Of course we have to win because it is four times without a win and we need that. But, at the same time, we were able to win 10 times in a row, so we are now able win four, five or six times."

Southampton were also involved in European action in the week, losing 1-0 to Inter Milan. Until then Saints had been enjoying a good run, going seven games unbeaten, and Guardiola has been impressed by what he has seen of them.

He said: "I saw the game against Inter. Football is unbelievable because they played amazingly, much better than Inter, and Inter won, they shot once and won."

"Southampton created six, seven clear chances and didn't win. They lost but I was really impressed."

"People talk about what a good team they are. I saw in this game and a little bit of another game how good they are. It will be tough."

The 4-0 loss in Barcelona has seen some of Guardiola's methods questioned. Notably, their determination to play out from the back came unstuck when goalkeeper Claudio Bravo blundered after coming out of his area and got himself sent off.

But Guardiola has defended his approach and his players also seem unwavering in their belief.

Midfielder Fernandinho said: "We know exactly what we are doing, the style of game. We are playing good, everyone is confident."

"The last four games we didn't win but these things can happen in football. If you see the last game at home against Everton, they shot twice and scored a goal. Sometimes you cannot explain football."

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Pierre's point

By Simon Carter



Pierre-Emile Højbjerg will no doubt be one Saints player with a point to prove at Manchester City this weekend.

The 21-year-old Danish midfielder was once singled out by Etihad Stadium manager Pep Guardiola as a potential world star.

Before Guardiola took over at Bayern Munich in the summer of 2013, he requested a detailed scouting report on Højbjerg.

The 17-year-old had made his Bundesliga debut under Jupp Heynckes just a few months earlier - becoming the youngest player to ever appear for the club in the German League - and Guardiola wanted to know more.

The report was pieced together by Albert Celades, the coach of Spain's Under-20s and a former team-mate of Guardiola at Barcelona.

Højbjerg, who cost Saints around £12m when he signed from Bayern last summer, was a raw talent who had shown considerable potential since arriving from Brøndby in 2012.

"Pep had heard good things about Højbjerg before coming to Bayern and it has taken just a couple of training sessions for him to fall in love with the player," wrote Marti Perarnau in *Pep Confidential*, his book about Guardiola's first season in charge of Bayern.

"Pep thinks he may have just found the Sergio Busquets of Bayern."

Busquets was a key man in Guardiola's all-conquering Barcelona side, playing as a deep-lying midfielder. He made his debut for Barca in 2008 and within 12 months had made his Spanish international debut.

Busquets is now closing in on a century of international caps.

Guardiola, who had been a defensive midfielder himself, saw something in Højbjerg that he had seen in Busquets - similar position, similar height, similar build - and possibly in himself as well.

Højbjerg trained with Bayern's first team throughout the 2013/14 season, receiving what Perarnau described as "hours and hours of almost non-stop observational attention" from Guardiola.

Despite that, he only made two Bundesliga starts in Guardiola's first season at Bayern, plus another seven appearances as a sub.

Little surprise, really. He was still a teenager and up against the likes of Phillip Lahm, Thiago Alcántara, Toni Kroos and Bastian Schweinsteiger for a central midfield role.



Pierre Højbjerg and Davide Santon in action during Saints' Europa League loss in the San Siro. Above - Pep Guardiola.

Højbjerg did start at right-back in Bayern's German Cup final win over Borussia Dortmund in May 2014, but opportunities in his favoured central midfield position were limited.

After 18 months under Guardiola, he had only made seven Bundesliga and Champions League starts.

Desperate to play competitive

football, Højbjerg spent a lot of his last two seasons at Bayern on loan.

He had started the 2014/15 season in Guardiola's first team plans, however.

He had even started Bayern's 3-2 Champions League group defeat at Manchester City in November 2014 - taking his place alongside Manuel Neuer, Xavi Alonso,

Franck Ribery, Robert Lewandowski and Arjen Robben (while Mario Gotze, Bastian Schweinsteiger and Thomas Muller were on the bench).

Højbjerg, therefore, got first hand experience of Sergio Agüero's devastating finishing - the Argentine hitting a hat-trick, including two goals in the last five minutes, as City came from be-

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to prove to Pep



hind to win 3-2 at The Etihad.

A few weeks later, though, and Højbjerg was sent on loan to Bayern's Bundesliga rivals Augsburg for the second half of 2014/15.

Manager Markus Weinzierl described the youngster as "sensational" after an impressive debut in a 3-1 win over Hoffenheim, and Højbjerg featured prominently as the Bavarian club clinched an un-

expected fifth-placed finish.

Unlike in the Premier League, where loaned players are not allowed to feature against their parent club, Højbjerg was allowed to play for Augsburg against Bayern.

He no doubt enjoyed his return to the Allianz Arena as Augsburg won 1-0 in April 2015, though Bayern had been reduced to 10 men

as early as the 13th minute when keeper Pepe Reina was sent off in one of his three Bundesliga appearances for the club.

Ahead of the 2015/16 season, Højbjerg was loaned out again, this time to Schalke.

At the time, Bayern's sporting director Matthias Sammer insisted they still had "high hopes" for the Dane, but a frustrating season

yielded just 13 Bundesliga starts, plus 10 more as a sub, as he struggled to hold down a first-team place.

Two of his appearances were against Bayern, but he suffered two losses in front of Guardiola.

Even though the Spaniard was leaving at the end of 2015/16, Højbjerg knew it was time he ended his Bayern career as well.

He saw no more future with the German giants under Carlo Ancelotti as he had seen with Guardiola.

Højbjerg remains a huge fan of the latter, though, and has first hand experience of his emotional side.

Speaking back in December 2013, Højbjerg revealed how Guardiola broke down in tears when he found out the midfielder's father had been diagnosed with stomach cancer.

"I was heartbroken," he told gathered reporters at a Danish award ceremony after being given the talent of the year accolade. "I went back to the club (Bayern) and I just started crying. I was completely destroyed."

"Uli Hoeness (Bayern general manager) picked me up and immediately began to help me. He contacted the best doctors in Germany and got my father down here, where they began to treat him."

"Guardiola called me in and said: 'I have heard about your father, I am extremely sorry. Let's just talk.' And I just started to cry and I said I was bewildered and scared."

"Then he said to me: 'The people you love the most and who you are closest to, you need to hold on to them, even if it costs you at work'. And then he began to cry and I did not know what to say."

Saints fans should know what to say if they ever met Guardiola, though.

"Thank you," would be a good start. For they should be the ones to benefit from Guardiola's "hours and hours of almost non-stop obsessional attention."

Jose return

Chelsea host Manchester United on Sunday, when former Blues boss Jose Mourinho returns to Stamford Bridge.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at some of the numbers around the Premier League fixture.

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Last season's Premier League matches between the sides were both draws, with only two goals scored after Diego Costa netted a stoppage-time equaliser to deny United victory at Stamford Bridge in February.

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Mourinho guided Chelsea to the Premier League title three times, in 2004-05, 2005-06 and again after coming back in 2014-15.

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United and Chelsea played five times during the 2010-11 campaign, which included the FA Community Shield and two Champions League ties as the Red Devils progressed to the semi-finals.



Jose Mourinho.

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There were six yellow cards, four to United, when the teams played out a goalless draw at Old Trafford in the Premier League last season on December 28, which brought an end to a run of four straight defeats for Louis van Gaal's side

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Chelsea forward Didier Drogba was sent off after 116 minutes of the 2008 Champions League final against United in Moscow, which ended 1-1 after extra-time. The Red Devils won following a penalty shoot-out but only following a slip by Blues skipper John Terry as he stepped up for what would have been the winning kick.

1907

Chelsea first played United in 1907, having won promotion to the old First Division two seasons after the club's formation. United went on to lift the title.

Pep's tester

A RAMPANT Barcelona hammered Manchester City 4-0 in the Champions League as Pep Guardiola endured a disappointing return to the Nou Camp.

Lionel Messi scored a hat-trick and Neymar added a fourth on a night when City goalkeeper Claudio Bravo was dismissed with the hosts only 1-0 up.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at what we learned from the contest ahead of City's clash with Saints this weekend.

1. City have a way to go

This was the biggest test of the Guardiola regime so far, an opportunity to measure his team against the creme de la creme of European football. For an hour the visitors would have been content but Bravo's dismissal helped Barca's superior quality eventually shine through. City may stake a claim to being the best team in England but Wednesday night only confirmed they still have strides to make to join the rest of the continent's elite.



Everton's Bryan Oviedo (left)

2. Another Bravo blunder

Guardiola was not the only one to experience an unhappy return to Catalonia as goalkeeper Bravo was sent off at his former home having handled outside of his box following a misplaced pass to Luis Suarez. Bravo was brought in to replace Joe Hart because of his ability to retain possession but he has been unable to shake the reputation of a keeper that can be caught out when distributing the ball.

3. No Agüero, no goals

Despite 11 goals in nine games this year, Guardiola opted to leave Sergio Agüero among his replacements while Messi struck a hat-trick. It was, as the City boss revealed, a tactical decision but one which Guardiola may harbour regrets over.

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Austin's better

By Simon Carter



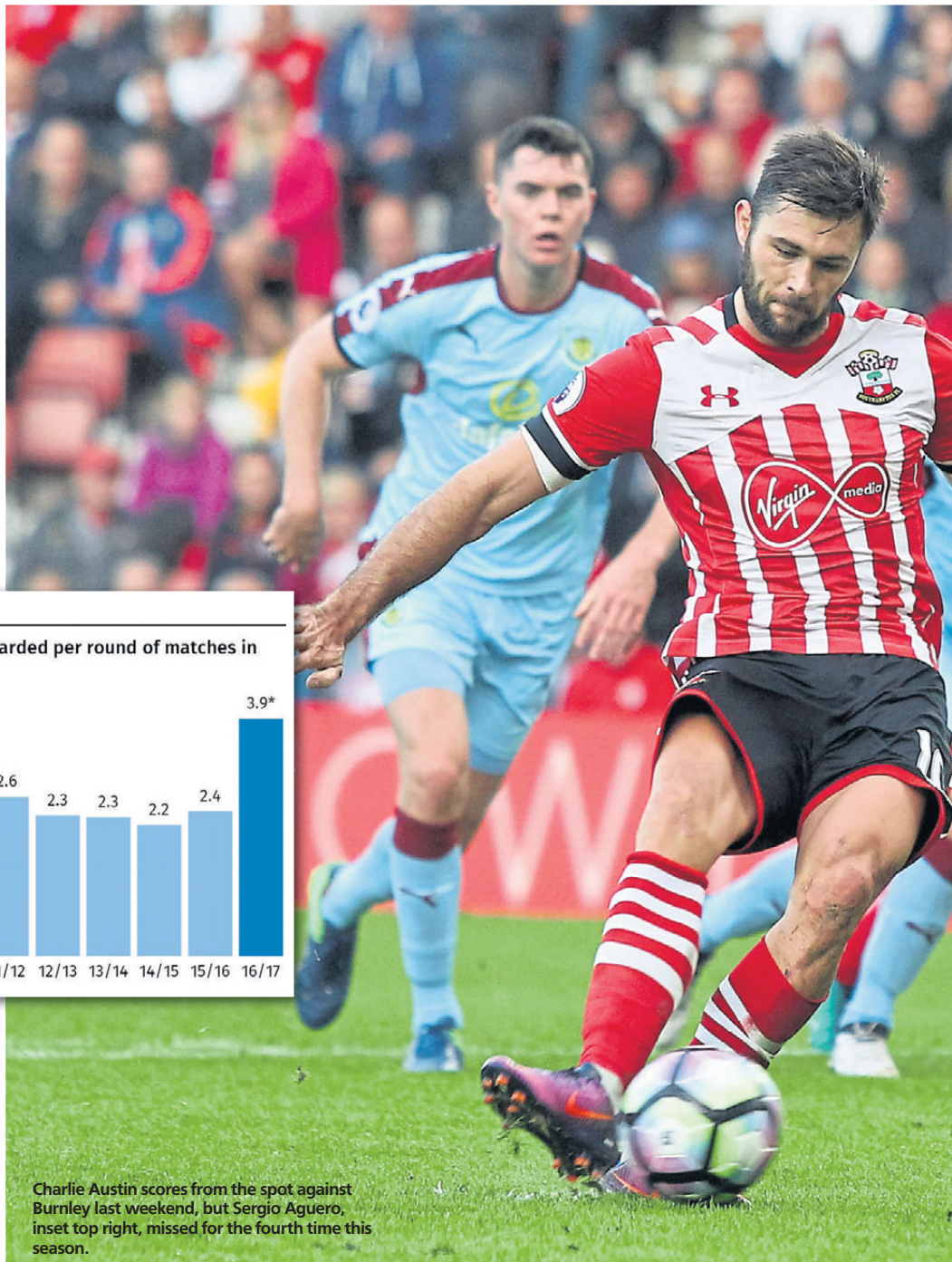
TWO of the Premier League's leading marksmen go head to head at The Etihad this Sunday.

In the blue corner, Manchester City's Sergio Agüero - the quickest player in PL history to reach a century of goals.

With 11 goals to his name, he is already top scorer among Premier League players in 2016/17 - five of his strikes coming in the league and six in the Champions League.

In the red corner, Saints' Charlie Austin. His brace against former employers Burnley last weekend took his seasonal tally to seven - all scored in his last six games after failing to score in his first three appearances of the new season.

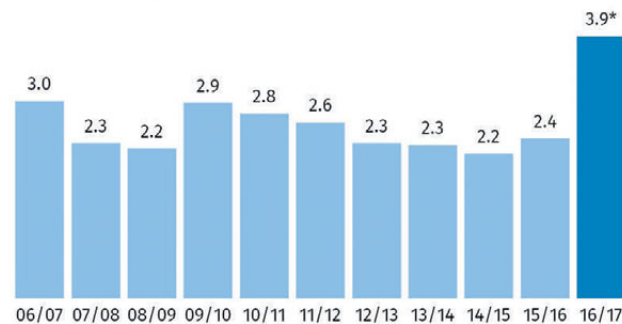
Agüero's record obviously marks him out as one of the world's leading strikers.



Charlie Austin scores from the spot against Burnley last weekend, but Sergio Agüero, inset top right, missed for the fourth time this season.

Premier League penalties

Average number of penalties awarded per round of matches in the Premier League



Yet from 12 yards, Austin is far deadlier than the Argentine this season.

While Austin has converted both penalties he has taken for Saints, Agüero has remarkably missed FOUR spot-kicks this season.

Two of them were squandered in a Champions League game against Steaua Bucharest and another in last weekend's 1-1 draw with Everton.

In between, he also missed from 12 yards while playing for his country against Paraguay.

Agüero was denied against Everton by Maarten Stekelenburg, who spent last season on loan with Toffees boss Ronald Koeman at St Mary's.

Stekelenburg also saved a Kevin de Bruyne penalty at The Etihad last Saturday.

On the same day, Christian

Benteke also missed for Crystal Palace against West Ham, the ninth penalty failure already in the current Premier League season.

But are players really missing at a significantly higher rate than past seasons?

Bournemouth's Junior Stanislas scored from 12 yards on Saturday, as did Austin and Sam

Vokes at St Mary's the following day to lift the league total to 22 converted penalties from 31 this term.

That 71 per cent conversion rate is still the lowest over the last 10 years of the English top flight. But it is only one percentage point lower than 2011-12 when exactly 100 penalties were taken and 72 were successful.

The other seasons in that range have seen upwards of a 77 per cent conversion rate - peaking at 83.9 per cent in 2013-14 - although it was 75 per cent in 2005-06 and such relatively small fluctuations can easily be the product of pure chance.

The more striking statistical anomaly this term is the number of penalties awarded - 31 in only

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than Aguero!



version standings over the last 10 years - 20th out of the 37 teams to have played in the Premier League in that time, or a perfectly average 15th of 29 when looking at teams with at least 10 penalties on their record.

They have also taken the most, 69, with their 55 penalty goals just one behind Chelsea's league-high mark.

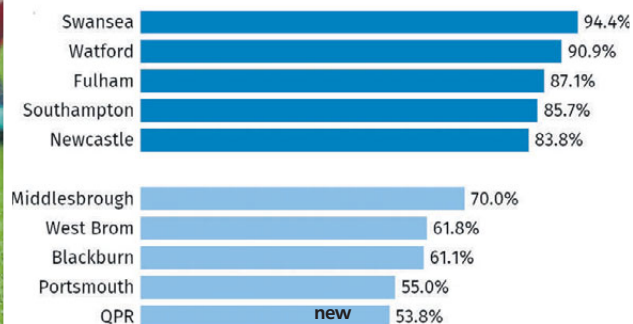
Swansea (17 of 18, 94.4 per cent) lead the way, followed by Watford with 10 out of 11.

Saïdo Berahino's two missed penalties in last season's loss to Watford contribute to West Brom being the worst from the spot among the 20 current PL teams - 21 goals from 34 attempts, or 61.8 per cent.

Only Blackburn (22 of 36), Portsmouth (11 of 20) and QPR (seven of 13), along with Sheffield United and Derby from five and one attempts respectively, have

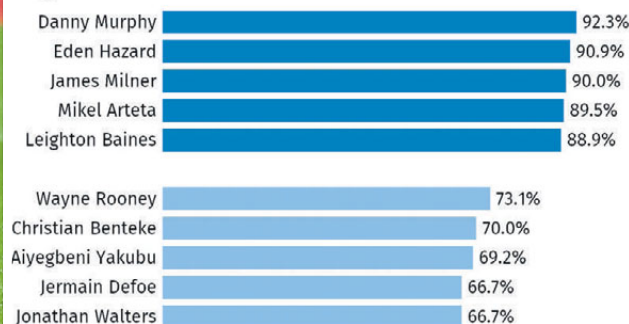
Premier League penalties

Best and worst penalty conversion rates in the Premier League over the last 10 seasons



Premier League penalty takers

Best and worst conversion rates from penalties in the Premier League over the last 10 seasons



79 matches so far, on pace for a massive 149 over the course of a full season.

The highest tally in the previous 10 seasons was 112 in 2006-07.

Aguero's failure against Everton was only the fourth spot kick he has missed in 21 Premier League attempts.

Among the 20 players to have taken 10 or more Premier League

penalties in the last ten years, the City ace is slightly below average at 13th with an 81 per cent conversion rate.

That list is topped by former Liverpool and Fulham midfielder Danny Murphy (12 of 13, 92.3 per cent), with Chelsea's Eden Hazard (10 of 11) and Liverpool's James Milner (nine of 10) the other players at 90 per cent or above.

Jermain Defoe and Jonathan Walters prop up the list, both with 10 goals from 15 attempts.

City's Yaya Toure and former Tottenham and Manchester United striker Dimitar Berbatov have taken the most penalties - nine - among players with 100 per cent records.

Manchester City as a team rank in the middle of the penalty con-

worse records.

Austin, though 100 per cent this term, missed two of his five spot kicks for QPR in the 2014/15 top flight campaign.

He saw a penalty saved by Hull's Allen McGregor on the opening day - Austin's Premier League debut - and the following April he saw another one saved during a 0-0 draw with West Ham.

Magic Messi

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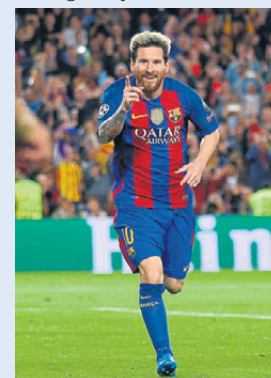
Barca lost two defenders to injury in the first half and their reshuffled back line would surely have been tested more by City's most lethal marksman.

4. No win in four

Having started with 10 straight wins, Guardiola was entertaining questions about a quadruple. Since beating Swansea in the EFL Cup at the end of that run, they have drawn with Celtic and Everton and lost to Tottenham and Barcelona. Suggestions that they have been 'found out' will not gain further credence against one of the finest sides on the planet but Guardiola is maybe discovering that this managerial lark is not so easy after all.

5. Messi is a class above

How Guardiola must wish he could have brought Messi with him to the north-west of England. The Argentinian magician weaved his way through City's defence time



Lionel Messi.

and again and he took his tally to six goals in two games against British clubs this year following his treble against Celtic earlier in the competition.

Bravo's blunders

Manchester City goalkeeper Claudio Bravo was sent off in the Champions League loss at his former club Barcelona on Wednesday night.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at the errors made by Pep Guardiola's number one, whose signing was in no small part due to his ability with the ball at his feet, and saw England's first choice Joe Hart join Torino on loan.

NOU CAMP CALAMITY

Bravo came out of his area and miscued a pass straight to Barcelona's Luis Suarez.

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Bravo's blunders

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Suarez immediately attempted a lob and Bravo's instinctive jump to handle the shot was only ever going to result in a red card, leaving City with 10 men for most of the second half. After the 4-0 loss at his former club, Guardiola said: "I'm sorry, until the last day of my career as a coach I will try to play from our goalkeeper."

DROPPING DERBY DRAMA

Guardiola gave Bravo, a £17million signing, his City debut in the derby against Manchester United at Old Trafford. With City 2-0 up he flapped at a free-kick and Zlatan Ibrahimovic netted before half-time.

ROONEY REPRIEVE

Bravo might have seen red and conceded a penalty when he showed neat footwork to dribble away from Ibrahimovic before a heavy touch tempted Wayne Rooney



Claudio Bravo.

to go for the ball. Bravo dived in, studs up, but avoided the concession of a spot-kick and a sending off as he touched the ball first. Just.

DEBUT DIFFICULTIES

After impressing at the 2014 World Cup, the Chile goalkeeper left Real Sociedad. He made his Barcelona debut in a pre-season friendly versus Serie A side Napoli in Geneva, but was at fault for the only goal. He fumbled a long-range shot from Napoli's Swiss midfielder Blerim Dzemaili in a 1-0 defeat.

INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT

During Chile's 2016 Copa America Centenario group clash, Miguel Camargo gave Panama a shock fifth minute lead. Defender Gary Demel gifted the ball to Panama and Camargo's swerving shot caught Bravo off guard. He should have saved it. Chile went on to win 4-2.

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CHERRIES FOOTBALL

Dogged Cherries

Paul
Mcnamara

CHERRIES fought and scrapped their way to a scintillating 0-0 draw with unbeaten Tottenham Hotspur at Vitality Stadium this lunchtime.

Against a side who hit them for eight goals in two games last season, Eddie Howe's side delivered a disciplined, concentrated performance, worthy of the point it earned them.

By stark contrast to the stalemate served up by Liverpool and Manchester United at the start of the week, this was a scoreless contest that would have had the watching TV audience on the edge of their seats.

These two dynamic sides were both expected to fly from the traps – and they did just that. Eric Dier, at full stretch, prevented Jack Wilshere's threaded pass from releasing Callum Wilson, before Son Heung-min was narrowly off-side when the Korean was picked out in acres of space by Dele Alli.

Spurs, renowned for their fierce pressing style under Mauricio Pochettino, were being given the hurry-up by Cherries' lightning start. And it was the home team who had the game's first clear-cut opportunity.

Wilshere rolled a right-wing corner to Dan Gosling in the box. The midfielder, a battlefield promotion after Andrew Surman was taken ill during the warm-up, helped the ball on into middle for Charlie Daniels. Scorer of an early goal against Hull last week, the left back directed the ball goalwards only to be denied by a combination of Hugo Lloris's legs and the crossbar.

Wilson had a shot deflected wide by Jan Vertonghen as Cherries continued to drive forward, with Jordon Ibe's resultant corner being hacked behind by Victor Wanyama.

But the visitors' array of attacking talent is permanently poised to strike. They so nearly did when Alli popped the ball through Harry Arter's legs and glided away from Gosling in the middle of the park. Erik Lamela took over to send an arcing 25-yard shot against the frame of Artur Boruc's goal.

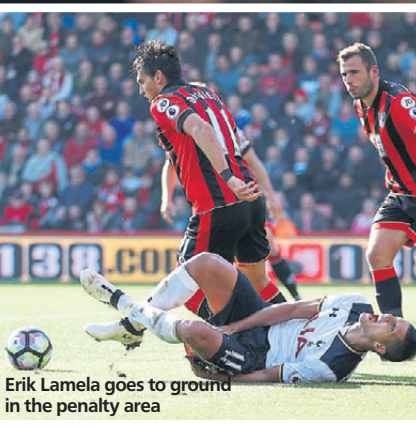
The pace was unrelenting. Lamela went into the book for upending Adam Smith, before Arter brought Vitality Stadium to its feet with a terrific challenge high up the pitch on the dithering Wanyama.

Cherries' No 1 Boruc was first called into action on 28 minutes. Wilshere, on the edge of his own box, had his pocket picked by

Eddie Howe
applauds
the fans



Erik Lamela goes to ground
in the penalty area



Kyle Walker (left)
and Dan Gosling
battle for the ball



Wanyama. The Kenyan fed Eriksen, whose shot deflected off Arter on its way to forcing the 36-year-old keeper to claw out from inside his left-hand post.

The hosts' intensity, inevitably, was dropping a fraction. And with a split-second more on the ball, Pochettino's team was gradually imposing itself on proceedings. Lamela collected Danny Rose's

searching cross-field ball and wrestled free of Daniels to cross. Simon Francis came to Cherries' rescue, however, the skipper smuggling the ball away from the toes of Alli.

Rose then dragged a shot across goal from Son's cut back, before the already carded Lamela had the home crowd baying for blood when his clumsy challenge

grounded Gosling. Referee Craig Pawson kept his card in his pocket on that occasion, but Rose's crude tackle on Joshua King, starting in place of the injured Junior Stanislas, saw the England international become the fourth Tottenham man to have his name taken.

Wilson was twice off-target in first-half stoppage time; the strik-



PINK CHERRIES FOOTBALL

hold Tottenham



Tottenham's Vincent Janssen (left) and AFC Bournemouth's Steve Cook battle for the ball

er first heading Wilshere's lofted right-wing cross marginally wide of Lloris's left upright and then prodding Ibe's delivery from the opposite flank past the near post.

Boruc was the first of the two keepers to be tested following the break, the Pole plunging to his right to push away Alli's 25-yard effort.

At the other end Dier got just

enough of his head on King's cute cross to take it out of the waiting Wilson's reach.

The contest was toing and froing at some rate. Wanyama picked up the pieces after Smith's perfectly timed tackle on Alli to slip in Lamela for a strike the Argentine directed high and wide of the near post.

With Spurs firmly in the as-

cendancy Howe replaced the tiring Ibe with Max Gradel. But Cherries, by now, were digging a trench. The magnificent Arter threw himself in front of Son's powerful low effort, before Boruc comfortably pouched Lamela's hard hit right sided free-kick.

Steve Cook then got his timing spot on when the centre back slid in to stop Vincent Janssen, on for

Son, from racing through on goal.

The visitors were progressively probing down the centre of the pitch. Dembele rattled a pass into Janssen, who went through Lamela to substitute Moussa Sissoko on the right. The ex-Newcastle man drilled a cross to the far post, where Rose arrived to guide an effort on goal that Boruc dropped sharply to his right to hold.

Then, from nowhere, a competitive game spilled over into something more sinister. Sissoko responded to Arter's latest thumping challenge by flinging an elbow into the Irish international's face. Arter hit the deck, beating the turf in agony, but neither referee Pawson nor his assistant saw enough to even caution the Tottenham player.

More questions were being asked of the man in the middle when Wilshere galloped onto substitute Benik Afobe's knockdown and went over under Wanyama's - fair - tackle in the box. While the home crowd beseeched the official to point to the spot, Vertonghen flew in on Gradel to deny the Cherries man a shooting opportunity.

Smith kept the game goalless in the final minute with a brilliant block after Lamela had latched onto Eriksen's return pass to drive at goal.

Then Cherries countered. Gradel's hesitancy allowed Dembele to recover and see out the danger. But when the subsequent corner was eventually recycled out to Francis on the right the defender delivered a cross that Afobe sent looping onto the roof of the net.

Tottenham might have considered it rough justice had the forward's effort found the net. But today at Vitality Stadium, Cherries' opponents, with designs on winning the Premier League, met their match.

MATCH STATS

Cherries (4-4-1-1): Boruc; Smith, Francis, Cook, Daniels; King (Fraser 87), Gosling, Arter, Ibe (Gradel 60); Wilshere; Wilson (Afobe 82).

Unused subs: Ake, Mings, Mousset, Federici (g/k).

Bookings: Gosling, Gradel.

Tottenham Hotspur (4-1-4-1): Lloris; Walker, Dier, Vertonghen, Rose; Wanyama; Eriksen, Ali (Sissoko 72), Dembele, Lamela; Son (Janssen 62).

Unused subs: Trippier, Wimmer, Winks, Davies, Vorm (g/k).

Bookings: Lamela, Vertonghen, Alli, Rose.

Referee: Craig Pawson (South Yorkshire).

'Better than Hull rout'

BOURNEMOUTH boss Eddie Howe felt the Cherries draw with Spurs was more satisfying than last week's 6-1 thrashing of Hull.

"I think the 90 minutes today pleased me more," he said. "I thought we were very good today when you consider who we were playing against, the quality that they have."

"I think they're an outstanding team and we came into the game wanting to go toe to toe with them, we wanted to match them, play with a real high intensity, be brave and see where it got us."

"Because of our intensity, we stopped their normal rhythm and flow, especially first half."

Midfielder Harry Arter felt the result showed how much the Cherries have improved since conceding eight goals in two defeats to Spurs last season.

"They're an unbelievable side and they work ever so hard," he said. "One thing that we had to do today was match it and for a 0-0 it was a great game to watch and



Eddie Howe

that was purely down to both teams working as hard as they could.

"They haven't lost in the league season but we had a game-plan."

"We played them twice last year and they turned us over quite easily both times so it's good to see how far we've progressed and we deserved our point today."

Meanwhile Mauricio Pochettino claimed Tottenham need to take the points against mid-table teams such as Bournemouth if they are to mount a Premier League title challenge.

"I think it was a very competitive game. They were ready to compete," Spurs boss Pochettino said.

We fight a lot. I think we need to be pleased in the end because it's one point more, one clean sheet but it's true for us to be contenders we should be winning the games like today. We had control but we didn't create enough chances to score."

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Bath in great form

SOUTHAMPTON Saints Ladies striker Becki Bath has continued her prolific start to 2016/17.

She took her seasonal tally to nine goals with a hat-trick in a 5-3 home win over Brislington that lifted her side into third spot.

Southampton's only Women's Premier League are in action this Sunday at Sholing FC against Keynsham Town Ladies.

Holden struck five goals as Southampton Women's Reserves won 7-1 in the Hampshire County League against Bournemouth Sports. Yates scored the other two goals.

In the Southern Region Women's League, table-toppers Southampton enjoyed a 3-0 win at second placed Winchester City Flyers - putting them two points clear at the top with two games in hand.

Southampton Saints romped to a 20-0 win at BTC in the Under-16 Hampshire Cup, while Southampton Women trounced Oakley 14-0 to also reach the quarter finals.

The leading six Saints goalscorers this season already have 55 goals between them, with Alex Collighan hitting 18 in only THREE matches.

The Winchester league U14 sides was the pick of divisions for entertainment this weekend. Close battles were played out in league and Hampshire Cup ties.

Points and goals were shared by Pompey Uni and Andover in the league.

Debut joy for Aimee

IN THE Hampshire Cup, Aimee Holmes scored twice as Winchester Flyers U14s beat Petersfield 3-2. Southampton Saints defeated Warsash Wasps Whites with a winner from debutant Fay Roberts.

In the U13 division, Southampton Saints won 9-0 against Mudeford.

Saints broke the deadlock through Chloe Andrews and Sydney Whymark made it 2-0 before Andrews and Kaylee Buckingham added further first half goals.

Andrews set up Larnie Bisson and Whymark finished off a great passing move with her second goal.

Katie Pakes, Ballard and a 25-yard free-kick from Tilly Thomas completed the win.

Conte confident ahead of Man United test



Antonio Conte

ANTONIO Conte believes the visit of Jose Mourinho's Manchester United is a timely one for Chelsea - who will face Saints in the following Premier League outing.

After chastening defeats to Arsenal and Liverpool last month, Conte feels his Blues are ready following wins over Hull and Premier League champions Leicester.

Conte said: "I think that it arrives at the right moment for us.

"It's important to continue this way. The last game we beat a good team that last season won the title and this was important.

"On Sunday we face another great team. I want to see progress compared to Liverpool and Arsenal.

"I am confident about this. I saw

fantastic commitment this week."

Mourinho left Chelsea for a second time last December, just seven months after winning his third Premier League title. He was appointed United boss in May.

The Portuguese has at times been criticised for a defensive mindset and coined the phrase 'park the bus', to describe rearguard tactics.

Partington eager for new Cup run

By Wendy Gee



EASTLEIGH vice-captain Joe Partington is excited to be welcoming another big name to the Silverlake Stadium in the FA Cup.

Having been part of the Spitfires' fairytale ride to the third round against Bolton Wanderers last season, the Fareham-based right-back can't wait for that special Cup buzz to start all over again for Swindon Town's first-round visit.

To add to the magic of the occasion, the National League versus Division One showdown will be screened live on BBC1. It has been put back to Friday, November 4 with a 7.55pm kick-off.

"It's nice for our fans to have another experience of a League team coming to Eastleigh," said Partington. "Hopefully we can try and emulate the atmosphere we had here for Bolton.

"Last year's Cup run was massive for all the lads in the team and equally as big for the club to be taken seriously and for people to notice who Eastleigh are.

"It's great for the chairman (Stewart Donald) to get such good coverage for Eastleigh. The FA Cup, if you play it right and do well, gives publicity the league will never give you."

Although some might argue that Eastleigh's FA Cup heroics last season cost them a place in the National League play-offs, Partington does not agree.

"That's a bit of an excuse," he said. "You've still got games ahead of you. Just because you're having a good Cup run doesn't mean you take your foot off the pedal.

"Over 40-odd league games, we didn't win enough of them.

"That wasn't because of the FA Cup."



Joe Partington celebrates after scoring for Eastleigh.

Swindon head coach Luke Williams, meanwhile, says they will prepare for the tie as if they were playing another League One side.

After some poor recent FA Cup seasons, the Robins are desperate for a long overdue run.

"I've been at the club for just over three seasons and we've

always played away in the first round and so far we've not won, so we won't be taking anything for granted," Williams said.

"They (Eastleigh) have got some players that have been about and some of them would certainly have played in more FA Cup games than our team.

"We expect a tough test. There will be a big crowd there and they will be waiting to pounce and trying to drive the team on to make it a nervy affair for us.

"I'm desperate to win at least one FA Cup game and we would like to go on a run and see how far that takes us."

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Stags spirits lifted with home victory

By Wendy Gee



AFC TOTTON lifted the air of gloom around the Testwood Stadium as they finally celebrated their first home win of the season this afternoon.

At the end of a depressing week that had seem them sink to the foot of the Southern One South & West, goals by Nick Watts (2) and young Calum Hellyer put a smile back on the Stags' faces with a much-needed 3-1 success over Slimbridge.

The Stags handed a debut to new midfield signing Charlie Gunson from Andover Town, but were missing several influential figures including Nathaniel Sherborne, Dave Allen and Dylan Knight.

And with caretaker boss Andy Darnton away on a pre-arranged half-term break, it was Wayne Mew who was left to orchestrate things from the dug-out.

The former Romsey Town boss watched on contentedly early on as the Stags defied their lowly league position and knocked the ball around with some confidence.

Their reward came on eight minutes when left-back Ian Oliver enterprisingly burst forward and tested Slimbridge keeper Adrian Kowalski with a shot he could only parry, allowing 16-year-old Calum Hellyer to knock-in his second goal in two days.

With Totton keeping their shape well, Slimbridge offered little by-way of a goal threat for much of the opening half-hour.

But losing track of the visitors' pint-sized No.10 Marley Thomas proved costly for Totton on 28-minutes.

The tiny left-sided player popped up unmarked by the opposite post to squeeze-in Lee Smith's byline cross to make it 1-1.

With tails up, the visitors began to dominate proceedings and hesitant Totton defending following a tenacious run and cross by Thomas was so nearly punished when Jack Sklenar shot narrowly wide on the turn.

Totton responded by forcing a couple of corners, the first of which presented headed opportunities for centre-backs Jack Vallis and Pat Wilson, and the half ended with Dan Munday's shot from distance being easily gathered by Kowalski.

Slimbridge opened the second-

Totton's Ian Oliver holds off a challenge
Pictures: Chris Moorhouse



Totton's Nick Watts, right, celebrates his goal with his team mates

half with two off-target headers from corners, but, in between, Totton had an even better chance when Nick Watts picked out Mike Gosney at the far post and, with the keeper struggling, Gosney sent a downward header wide.

But the next time Watts got good possession on the right, he went it alone, cutting-in and beating Kowalski with a beautifully weighted left-foot shot into the far corner for 2-1.

With confidence flowing again through the blue-shirted ranks, young Hellyer sent an acrobatic effort wide from Vallis's headed assist and then great anticipation from Munday saw him nick the ball off defender Nick Grimes and bend a first-time shot inches wide.

The ex-Blackfield front man went close again a couple of minutes later, nodding a Watts cross wide.

With Watts suddenly on fire, he single-handedly ran at the Slimbridge defence before unleashing a shot which rebounded off a defender's foot and scooted away for a corner.

The visitors were not done yet, however, and Totton lived dangerously on 74 minutes when Smith crossed and, with just keeper Steve Mowthorpe to beat, sub Jamie Martin couldn't generate any power behind his close-range shot.

Totton fans' hearts were beating hard in a frantic end-to-end finale which could easily have produced a goal at either end.

But, despite a few hairy moments at the back, The Stags rode their luck and scored a 90th-minute third on the break.

Neil Williams picked out Watts with a square pass and the No. 7 gleefully tucked away his second of the game.

AFC TOTTON 3
SLIMBRIDGE 1

Spitfires draw

EASTLEIGH held third-placed Lincoln City to a draw at Sincil Bank yesterday. Lincoln could have moved into second place with a win but the Spitfires held on for a point.

After a quiet opening period Ryan Bird went close on 19 minutes, firing over the bar on the hunt for his fifth goal in two games. A minute later Reda Johnson went close from a deep free-kick and then again on 21 minutes Bird had a good effort deflected wide.

After a series of half chances the sides went into the dressing room all square.

Jai Reason curled an unanswered free-kick into the box early in the first half before Robinson was flagged offside after being played through on goal.

Things hotted up 25 minutes from time with a five minute period of fast-paced play and some tough tackles flew in.

Moore made his first substitution on 71 minutes, taking off striker Mikael Mandron off for midfielder Jake Howells. Eastleigh followed this switch with a good spell of play, only to have Lincoln then take the reigns going close twice.

There was excitement for the 74 travelling Spitfires fans when in the dying minutes of the game Joe Partington's header clipped the woodwork after a well worked corner – the closest attempt of the 90 minutes.

Both sides should be happy with a draw.

Fred Wiltshire obituary

PAST City of Southampton Football League President Fred Wiltshire, who tirelessly dedicated his sporting life to local soccer and cricket, died recently after a long illness aged 72.

A plumber by trade, he was heavily involved in Meon Valley and Southampton sport for many years and, typical of many of his piers, played football in the winter months before switching to cricket when summer came around. After retiring he took up refereeing and regularly umpired league cricket matches.

A hugely popular, well liked and respected official, Fred was presented with the FA's prestigious 50 years Service to Football award in June 2014.

Fred selflessly put endless hours into local sport for the benefit of countless local cricketers and footballers who have much to thank him for.

Fred's life will be celebrated at Portchester Crematorium on November 7 (1pm) and afterwards in the nearby Seagull public house. It promises to be a fitting farewell to pay tribute to a person who put back into sport behind the scenes what he took out of it as a player.

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NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Cargill must be able to 'do himself justice'



Baily Cargill.

AFC BOURNEMOUTH boss Eddie Howe says Baily Cargill must be certain of his fitness before playing for his latest loan club Gillingham.

The young Cherries defender, who won the supporters' player-of-the-season award on loan at AFC Totton in 2012/13, hasn't appeared for the Gills following his move to the League One outfit at the end of August.

The 21-year-old, who grew up a Saints fan, sustained ankle ligament damage in the fifth game of a temporary spell with Coventry

City towards the end of last season.

And, although he is reportedly on the verge of being able to train with the Gills, Howe says a degree of caution should be exercised with respect to the player's competitive return.

Justice

"Hopefully in the foreseeable future he'll be back," said the Cherries boss.

"But he has to make sure that when he declares he's fit, he's able

to do himself justice at a good level.

"I don't think he'll be ready this week, but hopefully not far after."

Cargill made his Cherries debut in a League Cup tie at Exeter in August 2014 and has played a further nine first-team games for the club – all in cup competitions.

He signed a fresh Cherries deal in 2015, tying him to the Vitality Stadium until 2018.

An England under-20 international, Cargill has also spent time on loan with Welling and Torquay United.

Solent get off to flyer

SOUTHAMPTON Solent Ladies footballers enjoyed a dream start to this season's British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) campaign with a 7-1 victory over Exeter at Test Park.

Three goals in the first half and another four in the second saw them breeze past the visitors in the Western 2A clash.

Courtney Downey set things in motion after 15 minutes, reacting quickest after Amber Siley's shot had been palmed onto the post.

Downey's afternoon was to end prematurely, however, as she landed awkwardly on her ankle and had to be helped off after 26 minutes.

Solent recovered from that blow to score twice in as many minutes through a Victoria Carleton free-kick and a Jaye Howlett header from Elizabeth Stanley's corner, and they struck again on the hour mark with Stanley this time scoring straight from another flag kick.

Carleton made it 5-0 with her second of the game and then completed her hat-trick with a fantastic strike.

It became 7-0 on 88 minutes when Siley unselfishly played in Georgina Lowe to finish.

Exeter bagged themselves a late consolation as Caitlin Davis had her initial attempt saved by Solent keeper Lauren Webb but scored at the second time of asking.

Dan is the new boss

DAN Jones has been appointed manager of Salisbury FC's new women's team.

Jones previously worked with FA Women's Premier League side Maidenhead Ladies.

Describing it as "an exciting venture" for Salisbury, Jones said: "The club are looking to build something here, whether that is success of the men's side, the development squad or the inception of the ladies' side, and I'm happy to be part of that."

A series of trial days will be held for the new team at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium, starting on Sunday, November 6. Anyone interested should get in touch with Jones via email: dano_jones10@yahoo.co.uk

The side are also looking for sponsors. Contact Thom Belk at thom@salisburyfc.co.uk or call the club on 01722 776655.

Wimborne play 'attractive' game

By Wendy Gee



WIMBORNE Town chairwoman Paula Henley says manager Matty Holmes's footballing ethos is central to taking the club forward – on and off the park.

She believes the possession-based football favoured by the former Cherries, West Ham and Blackburn midfielder will win them support – and their fair share of points – in the Southern One South & West.

A 546-strong Cuthbury crowd watched Wimborne narrowly edged out 3-2 by league leaders Hereford last Saturday – a figure Henley reckons would have been higher had it not coincided with both AFC Bournemouth and Poole Town playing at home.

They lost again on Tuesday – soundly beaten 5-1 at home by high-riding Swindon Supermarine – but ninth place still represents a decent start for the Magpies who accept that sticking to their footballing philosophy means they may take one or two beatings along the way.

"Matty has brought an attractive brand of football to the club, which is exactly what we needed," said Henley. "He's got a footballing brain. He's been around Premier League teams.

"Playing that way, we do open ourselves up sometimes and we will lose games, but it's much, much nicer to watch than a kick-and-rush style."

This season has been quite a turnaround for a club that was staring into the financial abyss when Henley returned for her



Wimborne Town skipper Scott Arnold. Inset: Paula Henley.

second spell at the helm in January.

"I'm really proud of where we are because we've achieved a lot in a short space of time," she said. "If you'd asked me in January if we would be where we are today, I'd have thought perhaps not. So I'm delighted."

● SCOTT Arnold reached a personal landmark against Hereford last weekend.

The long-serving Wimborne skipper – son of former team manager, Paul – celebrated his 500th appearance for the Southern One South & West club.

Unfortunately for Arnold, his

501st appearance ended in a 5-1 home pasting by Swindon Supermarine – and he netted the first own goal of his career too.

He later posted a picture on Twitter of an ostrich with its head buried in the sand, with the words "me for the next few days."



PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Scammell steps into United president role

BRUCE Scammell has returned to Hamworthy United after accepting an invitation to become club president following the death of David Manuel last month.

Scammell has a long association with the Hammers and previously served the Sydenhams Wessex Premier outfit as vice-chairman and chairman.

Meanwhile, Andy Howard has stepped down from his role as reserve team manager at Bashley and has been replaced by Leon Scott.

On the playing front, Jordan Gallagher has joined Verwood from Hythe & Dibden and made his debut in their 4-3 defeat at Whitchurch United last Saturday.

Ringwood Town have signed Oliver Clayton from Weymouth, while goalkeeper Jason Collins has reunited with former Christchurch boss Graham Kemp at Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

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Gate receipts gift was 'wonderful'

By Wendy Gee



EASTLEIGH fans have long felt blessed to have a chairman like Stewart Donald – and now the rest of the footballing world knows why.

In an extraordinary goodwill gesture, Donald donated the entire gate receipts of the Spitfires' FA Cup fourth qualifying round tie to Southern One South & West opponents North Leigh.

The cash generated by an 889 Silverlake crowd will further boost the coffers of the Oxfordshire visitors who had already banked £16,925 from the FA Prize Fund prior to their comprehensive 6-0 defeat at Eastleigh's hands.

Admittedly North Leigh are a club particularly close to Donald's heart. He turned out for them in his playing days and his company Bridle Insurance, the Millers' shirt sponsors, are based a stone's throw away from North Leigh's Eysham Hall Park home.

Even so, it showed tremendous generosity on Donald's part to extend the magic of the FA Cup to a club who had never before reached the fourth qualifying round.

Good gesture

North Leigh boss John Brough acknowledged: "That is a very good gesture and I am sure the chairman will be very happy.

"Six goals is always hard to take but, overall to get this far, I am really pleased for the club and the players.

"Eastleigh have got a lot of very good players who really should be playing in the Football League."

It proved an uphill task for North Leigh who were put to the sword by Ryan Bird (4), Andy Drury and sub James Constable and had Eric Odhiambo sent off when 4-0 down.

But Donald's act of kindness at



least sent them home with a smile on their faces.

An official North Leigh statement said: "Towards the end of the game it was announced that the total receipts from the game would be donated to North Leigh by the chairman of Eastleigh FC, Mr Stewart Donald, who is a local West Oxfordshire resident with very strong personal and family connections to North Leigh chairman Peter King, stretching back

over 20 years.

"This wonderful gesture means our total receipts from the FA competitions this season will total circa £25k."

Praise

Donald's generosity drew widespread praise on social media.

Kevin Watson, the Spitfires' assistant manager, tweeted: "What a great gesture from our chairman @stewarddonald3. Brilliant stuff.

Good luck to @NorthLeigh FC for the rest of the season."

And even two former Eastleigh managers weighed in with praise.

Chris Todd tweeted: "What a gesture by @stewarddonald3 for @NorthLeighFC in the #FACup. #premierleague & @SkyBet-Champ take note...."

And Todd's predecessor Richard Hill, now manager of Whitehawk, wrote: "Top chairman, I can vouch for that."

Boss Killick is bemused

TOM Killick has been surprised by the chalk 'n' cheese nature of Poole Town's last two National League South performances.

The high of a 2-0 away win over title contenders Hampton & Richmond Borough quickly evaporated last Saturday as the Dolphins were run aground 3-1 by lowly Oxford City – their first home league defeat since promotion as Southern Premier champions.

Trailing to a Michael Fondup goal, Poole slipped 2-0 into arrears to a Scott Davies penalty controversially awarded against ex-AFC Totton forward Luke Roberts.

Cherries loanee Sam Surridge pulled one back and Poole's Luke Burbidge was denied a penalty before non-League



Luke Roberts.

journeyman Jefferson Louis netted a third late on.

Killick said: "We didn't think it was a penalty for them and we also felt there was a very clear penalty near the end for us, which could have given us an equaliser.

"But we realise we can't dwell on those because we were poor. Sometimes you perform so badly you deserve to lose.

"There was an awful lot of positive feeling around the club after Hampton and it was completely inexplicable that we put together two so drastically different performances," he added.

"There is a line you shouldn't really fall below and we fell quite significantly below that line."

To compound Poole's misery, striker Richard Gillespie and midfielder Carl Pettefer hobbled off with hamstring injuries.

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NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Badgers' boss demands better standards of refereeing



Pat McManus.

EXASPERATED Brockenhurst boss Pat McManus is calling on the Sydenhams Wessex League to improve refereeing standards.

"I understand we need referees, but we need them to be better," was his verdict after Monday's Sydenhams League Cup exit away to holders Team Solent.

With a Tuesday night league trek to Portland United already in the pipeline next month, McManus was not unduly disappointed to swerve another midweek visit to the Island in the last 16 of the cup.

Nevertheless he was riled by some of the decisions that went against his side who, having been pegged back to 1-1 after a feisty

90 minutes which ended 10-v-10, bowed out 5-4 on penalties.

McManus felt Brock had three genuine penalty claims ignored – two for fouls and one for handball – and was convinced Jesse Waller-Lassen controlled the ball twice with his hand in the build-up to Solent's 85th-minute equaliser.

The goal stood, wiping out Will Tickle's earlier opener for Brock.

McManus said: "We only had 11 senior players fit and available, so I was pleased with our performance – but not the referee's."

"With all due respect, I'm not that bothered about missing out on a trip to Portland, but I would have felt much more aggrieved if

that had been two league points dropped.

"The refereeing was poor for both sides. James Taylor (Solent manager) got booked for something a spectator said, which summed up the night, but the major decisions went against us.

"We should have had at least two penalties and their goal came from their lad twice handling the ball to control it before he got his shot away.

"When we scored, all 11 of our players dived on top of each other, yet he (the referee) has picked just one out to book for over-celebrating!"

If Monday had been an isolated

case, McManus might have held his tongue, but he says he has seen it all too often this season.

"Officials are having too big an impact on games and straight away it raises frustration levels for teams and spectators," he said.

"Win, lose or draw, I've not been happy with the standard of refereeing all season and every manager I speak to has got issues with them.

"The Wessex League need to do something about it.

"We don't have referees' assessors now, they call them observers. But the whole idea of observing referees is for them to get better – and they're not."

Rolls given role in win

BASHLEY handed a debut to new defensive signing Tony Rolls from AFC Totton in their 3-0 Sydenhams League Cup win over Fawley AFC.

Rolls, a former Brockenhurst College Academy player, joined Totton from Dorchester Town in the summer of 2015.

Shane Sheridan's fine finish, following a sweeping move involving Hugh Dathan and Kabba Jack, broke the deadlock just after half-time.

Doubled

Ex-Blackfield & Langley man Dathan doubled the lead after latching onto a defence-splitting through ball from Jesse Gould, leaving Harvey Slade to complete the scoring seven minutes from time.

Bashley will visit either Lymington Town or Bemerton Heath Harlequins in round three.

Third round draw: Downton or Totton & Eling v Hamble Club, Tadley Calvea v Blackfield & Langley, Folland Sports v Alresford Town v Shaftesbury or New Milton or Fareham Town, Bafins Milton Rovers v Andover Town, AFC Stoneham or Ringwood Town v Sholing, Portland Utd v Team Solent, Hamworthy Utd v Whitchurch Utd or Lavestock & Ford, Lymington Town or Bemerton HH v Bashley.



Tony Rolls

Badgers manager happy about duo

By Wendy Gee



PAT McManus has made two additions to his Brockenhurst squad – one a familiar face, the other a promising youngster.

Midfielder Brad Magookin has returned to Grigg Lane after a spell away at Bemerton Heath, while McManus has high hopes for full-back Tommy Barnes, signed from Totton & Eling.

Both players were influential in last Saturday's 3-1 home win over Alresford Town which kept the Badgers on the tails of the leading pack in the Sydenhams Premier Division.

"Brad's what we've been missing in there, so it's good to have him back," said McManus.

"As for Tommy, he's someone we've kept an eye on ever since we played Totton & Eling earlier in the season."

Pedigree

"I spoke to Shawn Kitcher (T&E's former reserve boss) about him and he was very complimentary. So was Lee Thorne (former T&E manager) and Steve Hollick (former AFC Totton manager) who both know a bit about him.

"The lad has got a good pedigree. He was with AFC Bournemouth as a youngster and has two Northern Ireland youth caps at under-15 level."

Another Brockenhurst bright spark is Noel McCarthy-Gardiner who played up top in Monday's Sydenhams League Cup tie at



Brockenhurst's Mark Barker, above right. Inset: Brad Magookin.

Team Solent.

"Noel's just been picked for Hampshire Colleges at 16 years of age," said McManus.

"We've used him on and off the bench a few times previously, but

he's just come back from injury.

"He'll play a lot of football for us this year."

Brock skipper Mark Barker moved top of the Wessex Premier scoring chart after plundering his

20th and 21st goals of the season against Alresford.

Skipper Jake Long also netted for the fifth-placed Badgers, with Rob Flocks bagging the Magpies' reply.

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Kingdon gives Planemakers 'a bit of oomph'

FOLLAND Sports still have much work to do on the pitch if they are to maintain their Sydenhams League status.

But the encouraging news from Kings Avenue, Hamble, is that things are looking healthier behind the scenes.

Former AFC Stoneham chairman Roy Kingdon is on board as Planemakers' vice-chairman and reckons the club have come up trumps with the appointment of secretary Garry Budden.

Kingdon said: "I've always relished the challenge of turning a struggling club around and, although I'm not head honcho (Adrian Stremel is still chairman), I've injected a bit of oomph into the place.

"Hospitality is vastly improved and we've got some more sponsors in.

"Garry has come in as secretary and done a sterling job. He's not been a club secretary before, but he had an interest in football.

"He came along to have a chat, told us he was good at admin, and he's slotted in very nicely."

While Follands are now reasonably well off for committee members, they could urgently do with an experienced physio – plus a few more players to bolster Bjay Green's squad.

Green, a former Fareham Town skipper and Gosport Borough under-18s manager, was brought in as a replacement for out-going Planemakers boss Dave Herbert earlier in

the season – by Herbert himself! Bjay's got a bit of experience and has steadied the ship," said Kingdon. "He's brought a lot of young lads across with him from the Portsmouth area.

"Performances are improving and, although results are still lacking, I think they will turn. The margins are getting narrower. "Turning a club around can be a long process, but I'm very hopeful we'll steady the ship and start climbing the Wessex One table."

● Anyone interested in becoming the club's new physio or joining Folland's playing staff should contact Roy Kingdon on 07876 115096 or email follandssportfc@hotmail.co.uk.

Herbert is back at Lymington Town

By Wendy Gee



FORMER Folland Sports boss Dave Herbert has returned to his old club Lymington Town.

Herbert, who took on the unenviable task of trying to drag Follands through a traumatic 2015/16 campaign, called it a day around five weeks ago.

He had a hip operation pending and felt drained, trying to get the Planemakers back on their feet in Sydenhams One after the pain of relegation while addressing problems behind the scenes.

But rather than leaving the Hamble outfit in the lurch, he arranged for former Fareham Town skipper and Gosport Borough under-18s manager Bjay Green to succeed him at the Folland Park helm.

"It was such hard work at Follands and it was just getting ridiculous," said Herbert. "It became untenable in the end.

"I crept away quietly but, before I went, (former secretary) Adrian Harris and I got the floodlights sorted and I got Bjay Green in for them.

"John Pyatt at Lymington heard I'd left Follands and he'd been trying to get me down there for quite a while.

"I was at Lymington before, working as first-team coach under Stuart Doling, and I do love the club. I always said that if I was to leave Follands, it would be my first port of call."



Dave Herbert

Herbert was not around for Lymington's 3-1 league win over Fareham Town last Saturday having undergone a hip operation.

But he said: "I helped in the Lymington dressing room for six or seven games.

"They were drip-feeding me in before my operation, which was

just a wear and tear thing really.

"It means my vets' football's on hold along with my Thai boxing!

"But I'm loving it down at Lymington."

Non league fixtures

Tuesday, October 25
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE
Bromley v Dover, Dagenham & Redbridge v Aldershot, Eastleigh v Torquay, Guiseley v Gateshead, Lincoln v Boreham Wood, Macclesfield v Chester, Solihull Moors v Forest Green, Southport v York, Sutton v Maidstone, Tranmere v North Ferriby, Woking v Braintree, Wrexham v Barrow.
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Hemel Hempstead v Concord
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Chesham v Kettering, Chippenham v Basingstoke, Cirencester v Dunstable, Kings Lynn v Hitchin, Kings Langley v St Neots, Leamington v Cambridge City, Slough v Dorchester Town, St Ives v Banbury, Weymouth v Hayes & Yeading.
Division One South & West: Barnstaple v Bridgwater, Didcot v AFC Totton, Paulton v Salisbury, Shortwood v Wantage, Swindon Supermarine v Hereford, Tiverton v Mangotsfield, Wimborne v Bideford, Yate v Taunton.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Amesbury v Portland, Andover Town v AFC Portchester, Brockenhurst v Fawley AFC, Fareham v Team Solent, Hamworthy v Bemerton, Lymington v Bashley.
Division One: Alton v Folland Sports, Baffins v Totton & Eling, Laverstock & Ford v Weymouth Res, Tadley Calvea v AFC Stoneham.
ANDOVER OPEN CUP
First round: Andover NS v Overton Utd.

Wednesday, October 26
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Frome v Merthyr.
Division One South & West: Larkhall v North Leigh, Slimbridge v Evesham, Winchester City v Bishops Cleeve.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Blackfield & Langley, Verwood v Bournemouth Poppies, Whitchurch v Moneyfields.
Division One: Christchurch v Ringwood, East Cowes v US Portsmouth, Hythe & Dibden v Romsey.
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP
Second round: Locks Heath v Hayling Utd.
PUMA ENGINEERING PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division: Andover Lions v Winchester Castle.

Saturday, October 29
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE
Barrow v Eastleigh (BT Sport, 12.15), Aldershot v Guiseley, Boreham Wood v Woking, Braintree v Solihull, Chester v Lincoln, Dover v Tranmere, Forest Green v Dagenham & Redbridge, Gateshead v Wrexham, Maidstone v Macclesfield, North Ferriby v Bromley, Torquay v Southport, York City v Sutton.
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH
Concord v Chelmsford, Dartford v Oxford City, Eastbourne Borough v Bishops Stortford, Ebbsfleet v Bath, Hemel Hempstead v Gosport Borough, Maidenhead v Hungerford, Poole Town v East Thurrock, St Albans v Truro, Wealdstone v Welling, Weston-super-Mare v Hampton & Richmond, Whitehawk v Margate.
FA TROPHY
First qualifying round (local ties): Cirencester Town v Havant & Waterlooville, Dorchester Town v Barnstaple Town, Fleet Town v Winchester City, Salisbury v Chippenham Town, Staines Town v Basingstoke Town, Tiverton Town v Wimborne Town, Weymouth v Wantage Town.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Verwood, Bashley v Brockenhurst, Bemerton v Fareham, Bournemouth Poppies v Blackfield & Langley, Fawley v Whitchurch, Hamworthy v Alresford, Hordean v Sholing, Moneyfields v Andover Town, Newport IoW v Amesbury, Portland v Lymington, Team Solent v Cowes Sports.
Division One: AFC Stoneham v Baffins, Alton v Pewsey Vale, Andover NS v Weymouth Res, Downton v Folland Sports, Fleet Spurs v Christchurch, Hamble Club v Romsey, Hythe & Dibden v New Milton, Shaftesbury v Laverstock & Ford, Totton & Eling v East Cowes Vics, US Portsmouth v Tadley Calvea.
PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP
Second round: Baffins Res v Paulsgrove.
PUMA ENGINEERING PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division: Andover Lions v Infinity, Bush Hill v Overton, Clanfield v Stockbridge, Hayling Utd v Fleetlands, Liphook v Winchester Castle, Liss v Hedge End Rangers, Locks Heath v Colden Common.
Division One: Headley v Michelmersh & Timsbury, Netley Central v Lyndhurst, South Winstons Swiffs v AFC Petersfield, Upham v Sway.
Combination: Hedge End Rangers v Clanfield, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Bush Hill, Overton v Fleetlands, Paulsgrove v Hayling Utd, QK Southampton v Four Marks, Winchester Castle v Headley Utd.
ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP
Second round: Four Marks v Farnborough NE.

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PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Darnton positive despite drubbing

by Wendy Gee



CARETAKER boss Andy Darnton found some pluses among the negatives of AFC Totton's 4-1 Russell Cotes Cup exit at Hamble Club.

While he was far from happy to see his Southern One South & West strugglers being taken apart by a team from two leagues lower, there were some positives to come out of the night.

Frontline duo Dylan Knight (dislocated shoulder) and Ashley Jarvis (hamstring) both got some valuable minutes under their belts on their return from injury, while three 16-year-olds all took their chance to shine.

George Ockwell made his debut at full-back while Callum Hellyer was described by Darnton as "a breath of fresh air" with his energy and enthusiasm, capped by a well-taken goal.

A third youngster, Alex Haynes, came off the subs bench with 20 minutes to go and showed just why he has been selected for England Colleges trials.

Those performances, though, could not paper over the cracks of a generally poor Totton performance as goals from Dougie Rowe (2), Coby Wilson and Liam Crook fired Sydenhams One leaders Hamble Club to a handsome win.

"It was a disappointing display from the boys," admitted Darnton. "Lack of concentration and focus gifted Hamble the first three goals and the damage was done."

"We rallied a bit in the second half after a few harsh words at half-time, but they had more hunger and desire than us on the night and this is something the players seriously need to look at as this is a vital ingredient in a player's profile and character."

With interviews for a new manager delayed and Darnton unavailable for today's home game against Slimbridge and Tuesday's trip to Didcot Town, former Romsey boss Wayne Mew has stepped in as deputy caretaker.

Darnton, who is away on a pre-arranged half-term break, admitted his absence was far from ideal in a week that saw Bridgwater's midweek win drop the Stags to bottom of the Southern One South & West on goal difference.

He said: "I have a pre-arranged break over half-term which the club were fully aware of back in the summer."

"It's just unfortunate it has



Charlie Gunson and, inset, Wayne Mew.

come around now and, with the current situation, is far from ideal.

"Wayne Mew will be deputising for the two games I miss."

A new name linked with the vacant post is Gosport Borough boss Alex Pike, who says he has had talks with Totton vice-chairman Roy Edwards.

Gosport suffered a crushing 6-0

loss to Chelmsford City in the National League South last Saturday and rumours have been circulating about another possible financial crisis looming at Privett Park.

● AFC TOTTON have signed bright, young midfielder Charlie Gunson.

A former England under-18 schoolboy international, Gunson

began the season at Gosport Borough and recently returned to play for his former club Andover Town.

"We've been tracking Charlie for some time now and I'm pleased to welcome him on board," said caretaker boss Andy Darnton.

"He's the right age at 19, he's got lots of energy and he will give us much-needed quality."

200th game for Charlie

YOU seldom come across a footballer as loyal as Downton's Charlie Aldridge.

The goalkeeper reached an incredible milestone last Saturday, making his 200th consecutive appearance for the Robins in the Sydenhams Wessex League.

The occasion was marked by SWL president Dennis Challis making a pre-match presentation to the man-of-the-moment.

And, fittingly, Aldridge kept a clean sheet in Downton's 1-0 victory over Ringwood Town at Wick Lane where Shaun Prentice's strike secured the Division One points.

"Saturday was obviously a very proud moment for myself. I never thought I would get to 200 games, it's not something I ever dreamt would happen,"



said the 27-year-old.

"I hate missing matches. I am willing to play through injuries and getting on the right side of referees and management also helps!" he smiled.

"I couldn't wish for a better result. To win and keep a clean sheet was the icing on the cake."

Since joining Downton in 2011, when his unbroken league run started, Aldridge's performances have attracted interest from other clubs.

But the Robins' No1, whose brother Tom plays in attack, admits he has no ambitions to leave.

He said: "I have been approached by a few clubs over the years, but I live in Downton and like the club."

"I'm a family man and the club is very family-oriented. That suits me. My family help out in the tea hut and obviously my brother plays, which means a lot. I can't see myself going elsewhere."

"I have a lot of friends at the club."

PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Millers seek coach to develop youth

By Wendy Gee



TOTTON & Eling are looking for an enthusiastic new manager to harness the talent in their reserve/development squad.

The Millers want the successful candidate to be in a similar mould to first-team boss James Phillips and buy into the club's ethos of bringing young players to the fore.

T&E took a big gamble during the summer, parting company with former manager Lee Thorne and several of the experienced players that had served them so well over the years but were coming towards the end of their playing days.

That gamble is paying off with Phillips' youthful crew on course for a top-half finish in Sydenhams One and offering plenty of potential for the future.

Phillips, who had previously managed at Romsey Town and coached at Team Solent, took a while to find his feet, but club secretary Rob Lomax said: "He's settled in really well, all the players like him and we're getting some good results.

Lovely

"We expected it to be a lot tougher this season.

"When we appointed James we wanted to give young lads a chance rather than stick with players who'd been around the club for years. Now James has got the side settled, we're playing some lovely football and it's given us something to build on."

T&E have many more young guns champing at the bit in their reserve/development squad and need someone to replace departed manager Shawn Kitcher.

"Shawn's gone to Hythe & Dibden, which was his own decision," said Lomax. "We've been running it in-house for a bit, but now we need to find the right person, especially as the club has gone more youth-oriented.



James Phillips

"We need someone with good man-management and coaching skills and maybe experience in and around youth football.

"They must be prepared to work with James and (assistant boss) Dan Martin to help young players progress.

"It was a big gamble for us to let Lee (Thorne) go and rely on youth coming through, it could have

gone wrong.

"But a lot of teams have seen how well we're playing and we're getting quite a few compliments.

"We want to keep that going with our reserve/development squad so they can experience men's football and push on into the first team. It's not about winning at all costs, it's about making the club bigger and better for the

future and giving kids a chance.

"One of our young lads Tommy Barnes has just joined Brockenhurst. He's been part of our youth set-up for two or three years.

"We thank him for his loyalty and wish him well."

Applicants for the reserve/development manager's job can contact Lomax at tandemillers2@gmail.com or on 07876 776985.

Rams bring in new boss

PETERSFIELD Town chairman Graeme Moir sees similarities between new boss John Robson and the man who led the Rams into the Southern League.

Just like current Winchester City manager Ian Saunders, who guided Petersfield to back-to-back Sydenhams One and Sydenhams Premier titles, the experienced Robson possesses extensive football knowledge – and a contacts list to match.

Robson is no newcomer to Love Lane, having previously taken the Rams up into the Isthmian League during the 1980s.

Since then he has had numerous ports of call across Hampshire and Sussex, including Worthing, Alton, Gosport Borough, Bashley, AFC Totton, Blackfield & Langley and, most recently,



John Robson

Andover Town.

Moir, who hopes Robson's experience will help guide Petersfield away from the Southern One Central relegation zone, said: "I'm really pleased we've got John on board and I am fully confident we will now move away from the bottom.

"John is vastly experienced and everyone I have spoken to about him has nothing but praise for what he has achieved in non-League football.

"He is exactly the candidate we were looking for – vastly experienced and well connected, so he can make a real difference.

"In many ways he is similar to our former manager Ian Saunders. When you sit down and talk to John about football he knows the game inside out. There is no player, coach or chairman John does not know about, and his contacts within the game are extensive."

Roaring start for young Totton Tigers team

AS part of their focus on youth, Totton & Eling have started up Totton Tigers for youngsters age four to eight. They get together on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

"We're trying to get more youngsters

involved with the club and it's working," said club secretary Rob Lomax. "We had three or four turn up at first and now I think we're getting between 15 and 20. Next year we'll look to have a couple of teams in the Eastleigh &

District Mini Soccer League, similar to what Pace Youth do."

● For further information about Totton Tigers, ring the club's development officer Ian Clark on 07709 318550.

Huge City growth

MANCHESTER City made a profit of £20.5m and generated record revenues of £398.1m during the 2015-16 season, the club revealed this week.

It is the second successive year the club have recorded a surplus and underlines their continuing growth under the ownership of Sheikh Mansour and his Abu Dhabi United Group investment firm.

The figures, published in the club's latest annual report, also show City are operating on a 50 per cent wage-revenue ratio and with zero financial debt.

City, who host Saints this weekend, were transformed when Sheikh Mansour bought the club in 2008 and immediately bankrolled lavish spending on players.

Inevitably, heavy losses were sustained but the subsequent improvements on the field have been matched by developments off it and financial performance has improved year-on-year for the past eight years.

As recently as 2012 City



Man City v Saints last season

sustained a £98m loss but the club returned to the black by generating an £11million profit last year and the upward trajectory has continued.

The £398.1million revenue figure represents an 11 per cent improvement on last year's £351.8m and is made up largely of commercial income (£177.9m) and broadcasting money (£161.4m). Matchday income accounted for £52.5m of the total, an increase of 21 per cent.

All three areas benefited from City's run to the Champions League semi-finals, Capital One Cup victory and Premier League top-four finish.

Matchday income was also swelled by the increase in capacity at the Etihad Stadium, which saw average Premier League attendances rise by more than 8,000 to 54,041.

More bumps on seats, that is important.

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SAINTS

Claude, you did

By Simon Carter



CLAUDE Puel was forced to defend his rotation policy after Saints had lost in the San Siro.

The manager left top scorer Charlie Austin, skipper Jose Fonte and midfielder Steven Davis out of his starting XI, with Ryan Bertrand and Cedric Soares already out injured.

Saints fans have been debating Puel's rotation policy on the Daily Echo's website, dailyecho.co.uk, and most appear to back the boss.

Here are a selection of the comments so far. Log on now to have your say and join the debates.

I am sure many of us were surprised Charlie was left out of the starting line up, but it is always easy in hindsight to be critical. I guess we were expecting to be soaking up pressure and try to hit them on the counter attack, which would have justified his selection. In hindsight Austin may have taken some of the missed chances before he came on, but this is not a time to apportion blame. Puel has no reason to defend himself. I watched one of the finest performances I have ever seen Saints play last night and comments like 'Saints are not only bossing Inter, but tearing them to pieces' from the commentator, were accurate. I was filled with pride by the performance and by the mass of fans we took there. Let that pride not be tainted by critical analysis, rejoice in having watched our team deliver a performance beyond our wildest dreams.

StVietnam

Beer and skittles

Echoed. We can bemoan missed opportunities and rotation but we are where we are, the season isn't going to be all beer and skittles. The important thing is we are playing well and creating opportunities, I'd be worried if we weren't.

Rooflas

Undoubtedly, the rotation cost us the match. J-Rod and Long were both shadows of their former selves.

Littleton-Saint

But unless they play how are they going to get back that sharpness.

This was an AWAY game, yes we could have won, but its not world ending

Monteraz

Not undoubtedly at all - seem to remember Charlie missing a few and first choice regular



Antonio Candreva fires Inter's winner against Saints.

VVD also missing a sitter. Basically, yet again, it's not down to lack of quality, it's down to players having a mental block in front of goal. JWP as well - bet he scores regularly in training. Such a shame his final effort didn't sneak in - if he could start putting those away by building confidence he'd be priceless - our illusive goalscoring midfielder. At

the moment he's just lacking that composure, but that comes from playing games.

SaintJD (Replying to Littleton-Saint)

Claude is very canny with his rotation and all depends on age and role: Romeu seems to play most games bar League Cup, VVD also, Fraser, and Redders (Red-

mond) is young, so I'd expect he'll play more than not. Tadic is interesting though - he must be loving being given responsibility. Looks like Boufal will now give him a chance to get a rest though.

SaintJD

Claude was animated on the touch line, a couple of our players got right rollickings for not doing

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the right thing

Big crowds

from facing page

That is why Liverpool splashed out tens of millions on a new stand at Anfield, which has raised the club's capacity to over 54,000.

That is why Tottenham are busy building a new stadium with a capacity of around 61,000 - over 20,000 more than can be squeezed into White Hart Lane.

That is why West Ham United were so keen to swap Upton Park - with its capacity of around 35,000 - for the London Stadium.

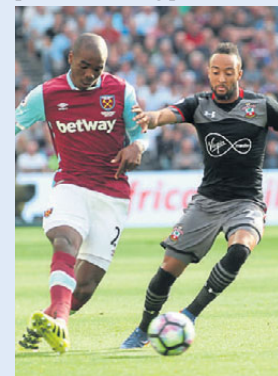
When Saints visited last month, the crowd was 56,868. Last January, at the club's former ground, the attendance was 34,977.

In 2014/15, Saints attracted a crowd of 45,919 to The Etihad. Last season it was 54,109.

As people like to say, do the maths.

Other significant activity included an investment in City's parent company, City Football Group, by China Media Capital Holdings.

Chairman Khaldoon Al-Mubarak hopes the year proves a turning point in the



West Ham v Saints

club's evolution.

He wrote: "The transformation of Manchester City under the ownership of HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan has never been anything other than a long-term project."

Saints are just one of City's top flight rivals who are a long way off competing on a similar financial scale.

Compared to City's £177.9m commercial income figure for 2015/16, Saints' figure was £10.1m for the year ending June 30 2015.

Saints' total revenue for the 2014/15 financial year was £113.7m, with the club declaring a profit of £12m.

But those figures were inflated by the transfer fees received for Adam Lallana, Dejan Lovren and Calum Chambers - the club receiving over £50m for those three players.

Saints' wages to turnover percentage - at 63.47 per cent - was more than Manchester City recorded last season.

Ricaud Gilles

With a small and injury afflicted squad...rotation is essential. Charlie is doing great, but cannot play every game.

Right now he is our only inform striker and has to be rested.

Redsnapper

It amazes me how negative everyone is about the rotation and some parts of the performance. I thought the first half was excellent, just didn't get the goal which was needed. However the rotation is essential to maintain results this season, come March if we play with the same 11 for all these games they will collapse similar to spurs last season. I am a big fan of the rotation, everyone is stepping up and the squad as a whole is one of the best I have seen. No weak links, even Yoshida looks a different player and solid backup to Fonte!!!

DA609

We played well and on another night might have scored a couple in the first half. None of the players that came in disgraced themselves. People want us to take every competition we are in seriously, the only way we can do that is rotation. If we don't rotate then we will burn out, also if you pick your "best 11" every game you are then left with players getting no game time and expected to come in and fill in when we get injuries and suspensions. That just does not work. Shane and Jay both looked rusty, the only way that is going to change is match minutes. Yes we lost but lets have some perspective when Inter were winning the Champions League we were in League One. Last night we bossed them for 45 minutes, and did not look out of place for the other 45 minutes.

RedRobbo

I was against too much rotation early on but it's been working well and CP has rightly got credit. I don't see how you can suddenly start slagging off a system which has brought us recent success, particularly given the chances we still had.

It's unfortunate that a couple of our strikers aren't in the best of 'nick', but we still had enough in hand to have won this comfortably.

luozthere

For me Puel has nothing to defend, rotation is essential and it wasn't the reason that none of our players could find the back of the net (apart from J-Rod), even the subs couldn't score when they had their chances.

El Cabello Santos101

moment.

SaintJD

There is nothing to defend and Puel does not have to justify himself...

Playing the same squad over and over does not make sense, or soon it will be a battle for survival in EPL...

I see it as common sense.



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Jay Rodríguez is inches away from putting Saints ahead in the San Siro. Top left - the Saints side prior to kick off. Top right - Cuco Martina after Inter had scored their winner

as instructed. He doesn't need to defend rotation it is absolutely essential.

Seedhouse the Unrepentant

Some big positives for me - Boufal getting his first chance to build fitness, McQueen again looking good, Maya fairly solid again, JWP bar the finishing got more game time and is growing I think,

Jay is at least back to throwing himself around the pitch, which is a massively important sign - he seems much less worried about being careful and that is a major hurdle overcome. Once he's back to full match sharpness (let's hope he has a good run now) I can see signs he could return to form. He's about a half yard off connecting with crosses at the

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Jose's record

Former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho returns to Stamford Bridge on Sunday for the first time since taking over at Premier League rivals Manchester United.

Here, the Sport Pink looks at his seven seasons in charge of the Blues.

2004-05

Arriving at Stamford Bridge having won the Champions League with Porto, the self-proclaimed 'Special One' continued his success by guiding Chelsea to their first title in 50 years. The Blues also beat Liverpool to lift the League Cup.

2005-06

A second successive Premier League title.

2006-07

Chelsea fell six points short of retaining the title but they did clinch a domestic cup double by beating Arsenal in the League Cup final at Cardiff before becoming the first side to lift the FA Cup at the new Wembley with an extra-time victory over league champions



Jose Mourinho.

Manchester United.

2007-08

Chelsea made an indifferent start to the season and amid reports of an increasingly strained relationship with Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich, Mourinho left the club by mutual consent at the end of September.

2013-14

Mourinho returned on a four-year contract, finishing third in the league in his first season back.

2014-15

Mourinho delivered a third and final Premier League trophy and another League Cup success after a 2-0 victory over Tottenham at Wembley.

2015-16

Was sacked in December after losing nine of his first 16 league games.

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SAINTS

Out to exorcise

By Simon Carter



JAY Rodriguez this weekend returns to the scene of his horror injury for the first time.

The Saints striker was one of the most in-form players in the Premier League when he ran out at The Etihad on Saturday, April 5 2014.

He entered the game having struck 17 goals in 38 Saints appearances that season, including five in his previous four matches.

A blistering start to his second season at St Mary's had resulted in the former Burnley man making his senior England international debut in November 2013 against Chile at Wembley.

Life was looking good for Rodriguez.

But all that was to change when he suffered a cruel knee injury in the first half of Saints' eventual 4-1 defeat at City.

Players from both sides were visibly upset as they looked down on the stricken figure of Rodriguez lying on the Etihad turf.

They knew it was serious, and so it proved.

A few days later it was revealed that he had suffered an anterior cruciate ligament injury - the sort which regularly ruled a player out for around a year.

Again, so it proved.

Rodriguez missed the whole of the 2014/15 season and only returned to the Saints side during Ronald Koeman's second summer at St Mary's.

Returning with a pre season friendly goal against Espanyol, Rodriguez made his competitive return as a second half sub in Saints' 2-0 Europa League qualifying win at Vitesse Arnhem in August 2015.

His first competitive goal for over a year arrived in the same tournament against Midtjylland, via a penalty.

Rodriguez went on to make 12 appearances before injury struck again, this time a foot complaint which required an operation. As a result, he didn't play between the middle of October and the beginning of April, returning to make four more appearances.

Rodriguez made his second start of the current season at Inter Milan on Thursday, having previously started the loss at Arsenal on September 10.

At The Emirates he was replaced at half-time, but lasted until the 78th minute at the San Siro before Steven Davis was introduced in his place.

He has also made four sub appearances in 2016/17, scoring against Sunderland and Sparta



Prague.

Rodriguez' performance in Italy suggested that he was still rusty and finding his feet again, with a number of loose touches and a couple of chances squandered.

Given he has not played a competitive 90 minutes since September 2015, that is not surprising.

Indeed, Saints' League Cup win at MK Dons - when Rodri-

guez scored twice in a 6-0 romp - remains his only 90-minute run-out in 22 domestic and European games since that afternoon at The Etihad two and a half years ago.

"I'm not happy," said Rodriguez after Saints' loss at the San Siro. "I'm always like this after a game I haven't scored in."

"I feel fine, I felt great," he added when asked about his fitness.

"I just want more and more of it."

"That's what I need and I'm sure the goals will come. I just need to keep my fitness and keep on the field."

He is now targeting a run of games to get back to his best.

"I need regular games," he said. "That's the main thing. I need a run of games to find my form and the goals will come."

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SAINTS

his City demons



Jay Rodriguez lines up for his England debut against Chile.



Jay Rodriguez scores against MK Dons - his only 90 minutes since his horror injury at Manchester City.

'I'd rather quit than change' - Pep

PEP Guardiola claims he would rather quit Manchester City than change his methods and insists Sergio Aguero has a big future under him.

The City manager has launched a passionate defence of his approach in the wake of his side's humbling 4-0 Champions League loss at Barcelona, a result which extended their winless run to four games.

Guardiola's modus operandi was questioned at a press conference ostensibly to preview Sunday's game against Saints.

The main talking points from the Nou Camp loss were the sending off of goalkeeper Claudio Bravo after a dreadful error while trying to play Guardiola's way and the omission of top scorer Aguero. That led to further questioning of the tactics Guardiola chose to deploy and the side he selected.

Asked if he ever thought of changing his plans,



Pep Guardiola

Guardiola said: "I think about that, yes, but after that the solution is not better than what I believe. So I cannot.

"Do you know why? Because in seven years I won 21 titles. So it's three titles per year playing in that way.

"But if you believe I arrive here and in three months everything is going well and I'm going to win in the Camp Nou 0-4, I'm going to dominate against Messi and Luis Suarez, and Neymar is going to create nothing, and Iniesta isn't going to play good, no.

"I'm good, but it's not enough! No, I'm not going to change.

"If it's not going well in the future, if next season isn't going well in that way, I will go home. So, it doesn't change."

Guardiola earned plaudits after City opened the season with 10 successive wins but the latest sequence has brought some criticism.

Rodriguez has bad memories of The Etihad, for sure, but no-one in the current Saints squad has any good memories of the place.

Saints have lost all four league games at the stadium since returning to the Premier League in 2012.

Out of grounds they have visited more than once, it is the only place they have yet to collect a

point at since the start of 2012/13.

In all, Saints will be aiming to end a five-game league losing streak at City this weekend - six if you include an FA Cup tie in 2006/07.

Saints' losing run started in January 2005 when they lost 2-1 to goals from Paul Bosveldt and Shaun Wright-Phillips.

Kevin Phillips replied with a

last minute penalty.

Saints' next game at The Etihad came on the opening day of their top flight return, in August 2012.

Carlos Tevez fired the reigning champions into a half-time lead, but Saints sensationally hit back to lead through debutant Steven Davis and sub Rickie Lambert, on his Premier League debut. Edin Dzeko equalised in the 72nd min-

ute before Samir Nasri struck an 80th minute winner.

Rodriguez' injury cast a large shadow of Saints' 4-1 defeat in April 2014. Trailing to an early Yaya Toure penalty, the visitors levelled with a spot kick of their own - Lambert converting.

Dzeko and Nasri made it 3-1 at half-time and Stevan Jovetic added a fourth nine minutes from time.

Saints' 2-0 loss at The Etihad on the final day of the 2014/15 season was notable for two landmarks.

One was Saints goalkeeper Kelvin Davis making his 600th career appearance. The other was Frank Lampard celebrating the final Premier League game of his illustrious career by scoring City's opening goal.

Saints were 2-0 down within 20 minutes in November 2015, Kevin De Bruyne and Fabian Delph on target.

Shane Long reduced the arrears four minutes into the second half but Aleksandar Kolarov completed the scoring.

The club's current five-game losing league streak at City is nowhere near Saints' record losing run on a rivals' ground.

They suffered 10 successive league losses at Anfield between 1962 and 1979.

Hunt for title

MCLAREN driver James Hunt beat Niki Lauda of Ferrari to the 1976 championship by a single point following an incredible season that will forever top Formula One folklore.

Here the Sports Pink looks at five decisive races from a compelling title battle 40 years ago.

Spanish GP

May 2 – Lauda, the reigning champion, had won two of the opening three races, while Hunt, following his winter move from Hesketh to the might of McLaren, was yet to open his account. Hunt started on pole in Spain, but a poor getaway saw him slip behind Lauda. Hunt eventually won but was disqualified following a breach of newly-introduced width regulations to give Lauda the win, but his victory was reinstated on appeal two months later.

British GP

July 18 – Hunt's McLaren was damaged following a crash on the opening lap which led to the race being



James Hunt

suspended. Hunt's mechanics worked to repair his car, but the stewards declared he would not be allowed to restart the grand prix. The pro-Hunt crowd reacted furiously before the stewards reversed their decision. Hunt won the race only for Ferrari to lodge an appeal. Hunt survived an initial protest, but was later stripped of his victory at an FIA hearing in September. Lauda was promoted to race victor.

German GP

August 1 – Lauda was comfortably clear of Hunt in the title heading into the 10th race of the 16-round championship. On the second lap, at a circuit known as the 'Green Hell', Lauda lost control of his Ferrari in the damp conditions before crashing in flames. Lauda was pulled from the burning wreckage and his life hung in the balance for three days.

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Franny, you're

By Simon
Carter



I cycled 50 miles the other day - more than I had ever pedalled in one day before.

My journey took me from my Fordingbridge home across the New Forest to Cadnam, out to Lyndhurst, past the Beaulieu Road rail station and onto Ipley Manor farm, where my daughter was competing in a horse riding event.

That was around 25 miles, as good as.

And then, after watching Ellen ride, I cycled the same route in reverse back home - via a detour just to make sure I completed my personal half-century.

Why am I telling you this?

Simply because, when you're pedalling for that length of time, your mind inevitably drifts...

...and I ended up thinking about Franny Benali and his second remarkable charity challenge.

Stamina

Last weekend the former Saints defender completed a 1,000 mile odyssey in aid of Cancer Research.

For the previous fortnight, Benali had been cycling every day.

Not just 50 miles, though that is far enough for mere mortals. If YOU have ever cycled 50 miles in one day, you'll know it's hardly a piece of the proverbial cake.

It takes stamina. Your legs will hurt.

No, Benali cycled around 75 miles a day for two weeks.

In addition, he ran the equivalent of a marathon.

Just over 26 miles.

Every day.

For two weeks.

In all, around 100 miles a day visiting all 44 Premier League and Championship clubs.

Most 'normal' people who could ride 75 miles a day wouldn't want to go to bed, get up and do it all over again a few hours later. And run a marathon, just for the hell of it.

But Francis Benali is not 'normal', not in the usual way of athletic achievement.

He is abnormal.

He is super human.

Superman? More like Super-Fran.

'Legend' is an over-used word in sporting circles, chucked around like confetti at times.

Here there is no doubt, however. Francis Benali is a legend.

And once legendary status is conferred on someone, that is it.

Hard won, the status is never lost.



Francis Benali at home with some of the sponsored shirts he collected during his charity run and cycle.



Francis Benali pictured at Goodison Park during his charity challenge.

Once a legend, forever a legend. Now and again, there's no harm done in taking a step back from the hectic lives we all lead.

Doing just that can provide a different, fresher perspective. It can shine a brighter light on a subject we knew something about, but hadn't taken the time to really appreciate.

Let's do it now.

Let's take a step back and reflect on Benali's efforts.

If you've ever run a marathon - or even a half marathon - you will know the hours of training that go into it.

If you've been training for the Great South Run in Portsmouth this weekend, you'll know the effort that's gone into it.

You can't just rack up on the day,

stick your race number on your t-shirt, and off you go like Beep Beep Roadrunner on steroids.

And for those of you who have completed a marathon, I bet I'm right in saying this - you wouldn't really have wanted to do another one the very next day.

And the day after.

And the day after etc etc.

Similarly, if you've ever at-

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a living legend

A well deserved rest - Francis Benali puts his feet up (finally) with the Daily Echo last Monday.



Francis Benali pictured with his family at St Mary's last Sunday.

tempted to cycle 75 miles in one day - and I'm guessing most of you reading this a) haven't attempted it and b) will never seek to attempt it - you will be well aware of the hours, again, needed to accomplish the feat without collapsing at some point into a sobbing heap.

When you think about it - and cycling 50 miles gives you the

time to do just that, believe me - it hits home like a sledgehammer just how amazing, how incredible, a person Francis Benali is.

And how he so deserves to reach his fund-raising target of £1m.

If you only sponsor one person this year, make it Franny.

As I made my way across the New Forest, I was also thinking of all the Great British Olympians and Paralympians who represented us in Rio recently.

I'm not really talking about those who won medals either, for their countless hours, days, weeks, months, even decades some of them, of training and competing were (finally) reward-

ed with something tangible and their pictures in the media for a few days.

No, I was thinking of those who have put in countless hours, days, weeks, months, even decades, and didn't win a medal. Didn't return home with something tangible. Didn't have their head shots included in a montage of Team GB medal winners.

Imagine all that time, all those sacrifices, all that dedication, and at the end of the journey no medals and no lucrative sponsorship deals (or even non-lucrative sponsorship deals) on their tables.

I did imagine precisely that, and was left with the thought that there are so many remarkable feats of athletic endeavour that we never hear about.

Francis Benali is fortunate in that he is a very well known figure in Southampton sporting circles.

As a result, and given his Saints background, he commands a high profile which can only help with regards to his herculean fund-raising efforts.

There are others not so lucky.

Here's a question - have you heard of Ben Smith and his marathon running feats? Don't worry, if you haven't - you have now.

He recently completed the equivalent of running 401 marathons in 401 days.

Suicide attempt

That's over 10,500 miles, a distance which makes Benali's challenge appear a Sunday afternoon stroll on Southampton Common by comparison.

Smith raised £250,000 for two anti-bullying charities that were close to his heart after he was bullied during his schooldays - leading to a suicide attempt in his teens.

After coming out as gay, Smith wanted to raise awareness of the damage caused by bullying and to support his chosen charities, Kidscape and Stonewall.

Francis Benali and Ben Smith, therefore.

Two men - one the Sports Pink readers have obviously heard of, and one they probably haven't - yoked together by a burning desire, a phenomenal desire no less, to raise money for good causes. Determined to push themselves close to the absolute limit, just so others can benefit.

Remarkable men, with remarkable tales to tell.

And if you can find time in your hectic lives, take a minute to step back and appreciate just how remarkable ...

● Text FRAN to 70200 to donate £5 to Benali's 1,000-mile charity challenge.

Incredible courage

from facing page

Hunt won in Germany to reduce the gap in the title race to 14 points.

Italian GP

September 12 - Only six weeks after his near-fatal crash, Lauda returned to the Ferrari cockpit with the burns on his face still covered in bandages.

The Austrian turned in a display of incredible courage and bravery to qualify fifth before crossing the line in fourth place. Hunt was thrown to the back of the grid following a fuel irregularity and crashed out as he attempted to carve his way back through the field.

Japanese GP

October 24 - Following the Monza race, Hunt won back-to-back grands prix to move to within three points of Lauda ahead of the season decider.

Torrenial rain had led to treacherous conditions in



Niki Lauda.

Fuji, but the race went ahead despite a host of drivers raising their concerns.

Lauda deemed the conditions unacceptable and he, along with three others, pulled out on the second lap.

Hunt led from the front, and appeared on course to claim the title until he was forced to change from wet to dry tyres with just 12 laps remaining.

Hunt dropped to fifth - and his championship dreams seemingly in tatters - but he heroically passed two cars in the closing laps to take third place and the title by a single point.

● James Hunt never won the world F1 title again. His last win came in the Japanese GP the year after his title success, and his last race came in 1979, when he quit the sport halfway through the F1 season. Lauda went on to win the title in 1977 and 1984.

Hunt died from a heart attack, aged only 45, in 1993.

Keane facts

BURNLEY'S Michael Keane recently received his first England call-up as a replacement for the injured Glen Johnson.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at five things you may not know about the 23-year-old defender.

1. He's a twin

Michael is one minute older than twin brother Will, and the pair came through the Manchester United ranks together. While Michael focused on his defensive duties, Will emerged as a striker.

2. He was Irish

Although born in Stockport, Keane was initially persuaded to throw his lot in with the Republic of Ireland due family eligibility. He was capped at Under-17 and Under-19 level before making the decision to revert to the Three Lions.

3. Dons woe

Having been on the books at Old Trafford from the age of 16 and impressed at every level, Keane was handed a



Michael Keane

Premier League debut by Louis van Gaal in August, 2014. He played 46 minutes as a sub in the 1-1 draw against Sunderland and got his starting chance in the League Cup game against MK Dons two days later. A Will Grigg-inspired Dons hammered the Red Devils 4-0 and Keane never played for the club again.

4. He's brainy

Keane was initially offered a part-time scholar's deal at United, meaning he spent as much time at college as he did at the training ground in his early years. As a result, he earned creditable C grades in his physics, chemistry and biology A-levels.

5. Bragging rights

He beat fellow England new boy Jesse Lingard and Larnell Cole for the MUFC second string's Denzil Haroun player of the year of the award in 2012.

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Running out of

By Simon Carter



HE is Southampton's very own superman - Francis Benali.

Last Sunday for the second time in three years, St Mary's rose to applaud the club legend's amazing charity challenge.

Here, the *Sports Pink* brings you just a selection of the many plaudits offered to Benali on social media.

In awe. Can see pain and fatigue etched. Indescribable grit, determination and bravery which he shows throughout his career and even more so now. Stunning sacrifice and achievement, and done with a smile on his face always time for people too. Deserving of endless plaudits and recognition not that he will want either which is the measure of the man. Long may the donations continue. One of the finest human beings I've had the pleasure to meet. A true role model in the greatest sense. I have run out of superlatives.

Ayden Joe Callaghan

Mark Biddlecombe As i have said nearly every day, and to echo previous comments: - Arise Sir Francis Benali, Sports personality of the year 2016, fund raiser of the year 2016.

Mark Biddlecombe

You are amazing, Franny. Many congratulations on your staggering achievement. Thank you!!! Xxx

Louise Aubrey

Truly amazing, Southampton fans are so so proud of you and your family xx

Sam Beard

WOW. Amazing. What a lovely, kind, caring, inspiration man. How lucky to have him at Southampton. Unique.

Alison Simonsen

Your perseverance and dedication will NEVER be forgotten Mr Benali x

Lesley Block

Super Trouper, a true inspiration. Adele Dick

Adele Dick

I got nothing but sheer and utter respect for this man.

Steve Humphries

Please give Franny the freedom of the City and should be on the queens honours list.... #TopMan

Ryan Smyth

Fantastic Franny - What



Saints fans show their support for Francis Benali with their replica masks. Below - Benali crosses the finishing line.

you have done is an incredible achievement. Keep donating everyone

Louise Nicholson

Give this man a knighthood.

David Mcbeth

Absolutely amazing achievement, your family must be so proud of you xx

Leanne Gibson Was Tyreman

What a man! Franny you are an inspiration to all - mental strength; willpower; determination; grit - truly a real Saint.

Terry Booker

Top bloke so inspirational to put his body on the line for 1400 miles for charity, if this was

Botham or someone else it would be national news every day truly does not get the national coverage he deserves.

Darren Collier

Legend. Seriously needs acknowledging by the establishment for his efforts and given as many donations as possible.

Simone Deans

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superlatives ...



This is as close to a super hero we may see. Thank you Franny for your determination we are so proud of you. X

Joanne Bradywhitfield

I actually can't believe he managed that. I love that man!!

Shaney Brown

Amazing! Massive well done Franny and the Benali family

Sue Hamilton-Peach

Bloody awesome man, glad he got the welcome home he deserved. X

Kate Carter

Can't quite comprehend the effort and determination this must

have taken Frannie. You deserve all the plaudits.

Mike Field

Absolutely blimin awesome! You are a total legend and someone that I will look up to completing my own challenges. Inspirational, motivational and an absolute star! You have proven what sheer brutal perseverance

is all about and all with raising magnificent funds for CRUK

Nichola Whymark

Should be Sir Franny. The guy is an inspiration and was a hero of mine but now also a hero of my 9 year old son.

Paul Naylor

Saw Franny for the first time in over 30 years last night and even after a 1000 miles he still looked a 1000 times younger than me.

Ashley Williams

Oh wow! If I could run one marathon I'd be overjoyed but one a day plus the cycle is completely phenomenal!!! I hope the donations are pouring in daily, he is incredible!

Debbie Van Der Walt

Your amazing Fran... massive inspiration! I'm training for a 10 mile run & that's hard enough!

Kellie Powell

I do hope all the clubs you've visited also make a large donation and wouldn't it be great if every premier league football gave £1000 each, small change to them

Tracey Shirley

How are you still doing this! Physically impossible yet you are still out there! Your determination to raise money for cancer research is inspirational. You are truly an amazing human being

Sharon Eyre

Wish i was rich and could donate more!!!! You soooo deserve to reach the 1 mill mark - really hope all the "football players" can dig deep and support both you and cancer research.

Sarah Tilston

On the day Benali returned to St Mary's, Southampton FC said they were donating £25,000 to Cancer Research. This also brought a response from fans ...

£25,000 for one of your own??? I think that is a poor show from Southampton FC! I'm sure you have missed a 0 off! Or at the least stick a 1 in front! This man has had almost zero financial support from the biggest profit making industry which are supposed to be his friends and peers. Shocking! Well done Franny you deserve a knighthood.

Belinda Lloyd

Eastleigh FC gave their gate to their opponents yesterday. How about giving today's gate to the cause?

Shirley Lee

● Got a view on Saints? Email echosport@dailyecho.co.uk

Five to watch

With the jumps season getting into full swing, Keith Hamer selects five horses to follow ...

BRISTOL DE MAI (5-Y-O) - Nigel Twiston-Davies

The five-year-old grey has already graced some of the best tracks in the land with his exuberant way of running and jumping. However, as he gets older his trainer is confident Bristol De Mai will be even better as he relaxes and stays further than two and a half miles.

CHAMPERS ON ICE (6-Y-O) - David Pipe

David Pipe has high hopes for the six-year-old over fences this season. A big, scopey, grey, Champs On Ice showed smart form in staying hurdles last term, finishing up third in the Albert Bartlett. He is set to be campaigned over two and a half miles plus and goes well on soft ground.

GUNNERY (3-Y-O) - Alan King

Formerly with Peter Chapple-Hyam, the three-year-old has joined the Alan



David Pipe

King stable and is set for a juvenile hurdle campaign. He was a winner on the Flat at Haydock in the spring and ran well in the Queen's Vase and Bahrain Trophy. He could develop into a Triumph Hurdle hope.

KOTIKOVA (5-Y-O) - Nicky Henderson

The five-year-old French import is an exciting new addition to the Nicky Henderson team. Despite her tender years, she already has plenty of experience. Her 11 victories from 14 starts include a Grade One over fences.

LA BAGUE AU ROI (5-Y-O) - Warren Greatrex

A big imposing mare, the French-bred won all her three bumpers in 2015 and was not disgraced when seventh in the Grade Two bumper at Aintree in April. She will be going hurdling and could take top rank in the mares' division this winter.

● Alastair Cook has become England's most capped Test player, winning his 134th cap against Bangladesh in Chittagong.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at the 10 players with the most Test caps for England.

ALASTAIR COOK: 134

First Test - versus India at Nagpur, March 2006.
Last Test (to date) - versus Pakistan at The Oval, August 2016.

ALEC STEWART: 133

First Test - versus West Indies at Kingston, February/March 1990. Last Test - versus South Africa at The Oval, September 2003.

JAMES ANDERSON: 119

First Test - versus Zimbabwe at Lord's, May 2003. Last Test (to date) - versus Pakistan at The Oval, August 2016.

IAN BELL: 118

First Test - versus West Indies at The Oval, August 2004. Last Test (to date) - versus Pakistan at Sharjah, November 2015.

G GOOCH: 118



Alastair Cook.

First Test - versus Australia at Edgbaston, July 1975. Last Test - versus Australia at Perth, February 1995.

DAVID GOWER: 117

First Test - versus Pakistan at Edgbaston, June 1978. Last Test - versus Pakistan at The Oval, August 1992.

MIKE ATHERTON: 115

First Test - versus Australia at Trent Bridge, August 1989. Last Test - versus Australia at The Oval, August 2001.

COLIN COWDREY: 114

First Test - versus Australia at Brisbane, November/December 1954. Last Test - versus Australia at Melbourne, February 1975.

GEOFF BOYCOTT: 108

First Test - versus Australia at Trent Bridge, June 1964. Last Test - versus India at Kolkata, January 1982.

K PIETERSEN: 104

First Test - versus Australia at Lord's, July 2005. Last Test - versus Australia at Sydney, January 2014.

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CHERRIES FOOTBALL

Super Ted and

Ted MacDougall, below, with nine balls - one for every FA Cup goal he scored against Margate at Dean Court in 1971.



Ted MacDougall with another south coast legend, Alan Ball, in 1980.

By Paul
McNamara

JULY 1969. A time etched in history for Neil Armstrong becoming the first man to walk on the moon.

In Bournemouth, meanwhile, equally momentous steps were being taken. Ted MacDougall was in town.

A prolific goalscorer for York City, the Scot didn't take much persuading to move south to Dean Court.

"I came here the week they put the man on the moon," says MacDougall. "I was in Boscombe in one of the B&B's. I was with all the people on holiday watching it on black & white TV.

"I was on £25 per week at York. I met (then manager) Freddie Cox and Bournemouth were offering an extra £3. I said 'you need to throw in some curtains - and make them velvet'.

"It was only afterwards I thought 'I haven't even got a house'. So I signed for Bournemouth for an extra £3 per week

and some velvet curtains... while having no house."

MacDougall, of course, would go on to write himself into AFC Bournemouth lore. His 144 goals across two spells with Cherries remains a post-war club record.

He later top scored for Saints in 1976/77 and helped Lawrie McMenemy's side win promotion back to the top flight the follow-

ing term.

His time at Cherries started badly as the team was relegated from Division Three in MacDougall's first season, despite his 21 league goals. John Bond's subsequent arrival as manager, however, reaped instant dividends - for club and player, who admits Bond was the making of him.

"Everything he did was forward

thinking," says MacDougall. "We never did anything defensively. The first training session we had, he wanted me to make a diagonal run. I didn't know what a diagonal run was. I didn't know what he was talking about. Obviously I'm not making any... because I don't know what they are!"

Now 69 years old, lean, fit and with a voracious appetite for



Ted MacDougall in action for Saints against Fulham in September 1976.



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men on the moon



Ted MacDougall in front of the stand at Dean Court which bears his name.



From left - Alan Ball, Keith Miller, Ted MacDougall and Peter Osgood at a Sportsman's Dinner in November 1979.



Ted MacDougall, left, and Cherries strike partner Phil Boyer in 1970.

one day what it was for. He said: 'I've got no idea... but you'll never get a cold.'

MacDougall plundered a First Division-high 23 goals for Norwich in 1975-76, although, 40 years on, he is still waiting for his Golden Boot.

If MacDougall were performing his deeds today he would be commanding an astronomical salary.

"I didn't even have a goal bonus," he says. "That's my job. Why should I celebrate scoring when it's something I'm supposed to do?"

"This is the way I look at it: I was a complete idiot without money, what I would have been like with money I really don't know."

The only time MacDougall is rendered near speechless during a 90 minute interview is when the subject of Jack Wilshere is raised: "For that to happen to Bournemouth..." he says, before taking a sharp intake of breath.

For Ted MacDougall to happen to AFC Bournemouth was rather special, too.

For a generation of Cherries fans he will always be the goalscorer from another stratosphere.

talking football, MacDougall's affection for Cherries and their innovative manager is undimmed by his living in Florida. But how would he fare playing under Eddie Howe?

"I think he'd have got a lot out of me," says MacDougall. "But his forwards have to work hard. That wouldn't have cut it with me. If I'm scoring goals the proof is in

the pudding.

"I never hear anybody say they're a goalscorer now: 'I don't worry about playing well, I'm a goalscorer' - I never hear that. It's about the team or it's about assists. Well an assist is something you go to the doctor to get lanced. An assist? What's that? It's another Americanism."

MacDougall's thirst for goals

saw him turn to weight training, something exclusive to him and strike partner Phil Boyer at the outset of his 256 goal, 14-year professional career.

"We had milk churns for weights," MacDougall jokes. "We had nothing. At York we had a trainer who, whatever your injury, a cut or a bruise, he would rub Vicks VapoRub on it. I asked him

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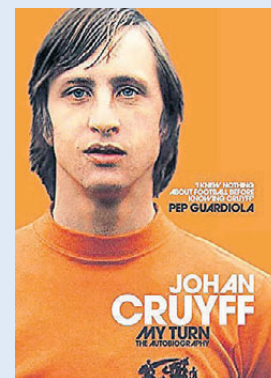
My Turn: The Autobiography
By Johan Cruyff

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We live in an age when, thanks to websites such as YouTube, memories can be instantly recalled, a state of affairs which means that unless an incident was particularly special, we can soon reach memory overload, a videoed saturation point few of us wish to encounter.

Fortunately, most of us have enough inherent discipline to ensure we don't watch those special moments over and over; ostensibly because we want to experience that thrilling mix of awe, excitement, wonder and admiration for what we recall seeing 'live', such as Gary Sobers' hitting six sixes, Liverpool coming back from 3-0 down to win the Champions League, or the outrageous 'Cruyff turn'.

Thankfully, however, Johann Cruyff was no one-trick pony. His influence on football matches was plain to see; he was an incredibly



powerful, inventive, forward with Ajax and Barcelona, but it was behind the scenes that his reputation was burnished even further.

Think of the phrase 'Total Football' and it's impossible not to think of Cruyff in his heyday, a serial winner both as a footballer and one of the very few capable of translating major success on the pitch to the dugout when he became manager.

He won 11 trophies in 8 seasons as manager of Barcelona where he recruited players such as Ronald Koeman, Michael Laudrup, Hagi, Romario, Stoichkov and fast-tracked a gangly Pep Guardiola into the first team.

This is not a particularly well-written book. It's style is clunky and laboured in parts, not charges you could ever level at Cruyff himself, but if you want to wallow in the memory of a footballer many folk believe was better than Pelé, then you should read *My Turn*.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
August															
Sat 13 Watford (h)	D 1-1	Forster	Cedric+	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	Davis	= W-Prowse	*Long	Tadic	Redmond 1	+Pied	=Hojbjerg	*Austin
Fri 19 Man Utd (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Cedric	Targett	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu*	Hojbjerg	Davis=	Austin	Long+	Redmond	+Rodriguez	=Austin	*Clasie
Sat 27 Sunderland (h)	D1-1	Forster	Cedric	Targett	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Hojbjerg*	Davis	Austin=	Tadic+	Redmond	+Long	=Rodriguez	*W-Prowse
September															
Sat 10 Arsenal (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic1=	Rodriguez+	Redmond	+Long	=J W-Prowse	*Hojbjerg
Thurs 15 Sp Prague (Eur Lge) (h)	W 3-0	Forster	Martina	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu=	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Tadic*	Austin 2+	Long	+Rodriguez1	= Davis	*Redmond
Sun 18 Swansea (h)	W 1-0	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic=	Long+	Redmond	+Hojbjerg	=Martina	*Austin1
Wed 21 C Palace (Lge Cup, H)	W 2-0	McCarthy	Martina	Targett	Yoshida	Fonte	W-Prowse	Reed	Clasie	Hesketh1*	Austin1+	Long=	+Redmond	=Tadic	*Hojbjerg
Sun 25 West Ham (a)	W 3-0	Forster	Soares+	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg	Tadic1*	Austin1=	Redmond	+Martina	=Long	*W-Prowse1
Thurs 29 Hapoel (Europa Lge) (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Martina	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Prowse	Clasie	Hesketh+	Long	Redmond=	+Tadic	=Hojbjerg	
October															
Sun 2 Leicester (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Soares+	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg	Tadic*	Austin=	Redmond	+Martina	=W-Prowse	*Long
Sun 16 Burnley (h)	W 3-1	Forster	Martina	Targett+	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie	Tadic	Austin=	Redmond*	+McQueen	=Rodriguez	*W-Pr
Thurs 20 Inter (Europa Lge, a)	L 0-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Pr	Hojbjerg	Tadic*	Long+	Rodriguez=	+Austin	=Davis	*Boufal
Sun 23 Man City (1.30pm)	(a)														
Wed 26 Sunderland (Lge Cup)	(h)														
Sun 30 Chelsea (4pm)	(h)														
November															
Thurs 3 Inter Milan (Europa Lge)	(h)														
Sat 6 Hull	(a)														
Sat 19 Liverpool	(h)														
Thurs 24 Sp Prague (Europa Lge)	(a)														
Sat 27 Everton (4.30pm)	(h)														
December															
Sat 3 Crystal Palace	(a)														
Thurs 8 Hapoel (Europa Lge)	(h)														
Sun 11 Middlesbrough	(h)														
Wed 14 Stoke	(a)														
Sat 17 Bournemouth	(a)														
Mon 26 Tottenham	(h)														
Sat 31 West Brom	(h)														
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February															
Sat 4 West Ham	(h)														
Sat 11 Sunderland	(a)														
Sat 25 Arsenal	(h)														

CHERRIES FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST		29 Middlesbrough	(A)			4 Manchester United	(A)
13 Man United (H)	L 1-3			JANUARY		11 West Ham United	(H)
20 West Ham United (A)	L 0-1	NOVEMBER				18 Swansea City	(H)
27 Crystal Palace (A)	D1-1			2 Arsenal	(H)		
		5 Sunderland	(H)	14 Hull City	(A)	APRIL	
SEPTEMBER		19 Stoke City	(A)	21 Watford	(H)		
10 West Bromwich (H)	W 1-0	26 Arsenal	(A)	31 Crystal Palace	(H)	1 Southampton	(A)
17 Manchester City (A)	L 0-4					5 Liverpool	(A)
20 Preston (H, League Cup)	L 2-3	DECEMBER		FEBRUARY		8 Chelsea	(H)
24 Everton (H)	W 1-0					15 Tottenham	(A)
		3 Liverpool	(H)	4 Everton	(A)	22 Middlesbrough	(H)
OCTOBER		10 Burnley	(A)	11 Manchester City	(H)	29 Sunderland	(A)
		13 Leicester City	(H)	25 West Bromwich	(A)		
1 Watford (A)	D 2-2	17 Southampton	(H)			MAY	
15 Hull City (H)	W 6-1	26 Chelsea	(A)	MARCH		6 Stoke City	(H)
22 Tottenham	(H)	31 Swansea City	(A)			13 Burnley	(H)

PORTSMOUTH FIXTURES 2016/17

AUGUST		1 Doncaster (H)	L 1-2	31 Yeovil	(A)	4 Crewe	(H)
6 Carlisle (H)	D 1-1	4 Reading U23 (H, EFL Trophy)	D 2-2	JANUARY		11 Colchester	(A)
9 Coventry (League Cup, A)	L 2-3	8 Leyton Orient (A)	W1-0	2 Luton	(H)	14 Grimsby	(H)
13 Crewe (A)	D 0-0	15 Plymouth (A)	D 2-2	7 Doncaster	(A)	18 Stevenage	(A)
16 Morecambe (A)	L 0-2	22 Notts County	(H)	14 Leyton Orient	(H)	25 Newport County	(H)
20 Colchester (H)	W 2-0	29 Cambridge Utd	(A)	21 Crawley Town	(A)	APRIL	
27 Exeter (A)	W 1-0	NOVEMBER		28 Exeter	(h)	1 Hartlepool	(A)
30 Yeovil (EFL Tr)	L 3-4	12 Mansfield	(H)	FEBRUARY		8 Yeovil	(H)
SEPTEMBER		19 Cheltenham	(A)	4 Wycombe	(A)	14 Plymouth	(H)
3 Crawley Town (H)	W 3-0	22 Luton	(A)	11 Accrington Stanley	(H)	17 Notts County	(A)
10 Wycombe (H)	W 4-2	26 Stevenage	(A)	14 Blackpool	(H)	22 Cambridge Utd	(H)
17 Accrington (A)	L 0-1	DECEMBER		18 Barnet	(A)	29 Mansfield	(A)
24 Barnet (H)	W 5-1	10 Grimsby	(A)	25 Carlisle	(A)	MAY	
27 Blackpool (A)	L 1-3	17 Hartlepool	(H)	28 Morecambe	(H)	6 Cheltenham	(H)
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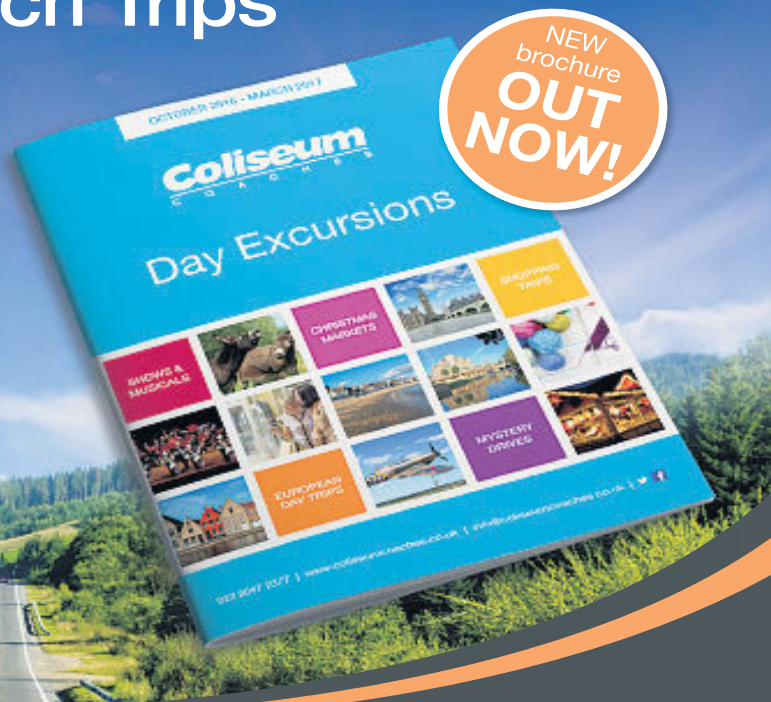
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Town hedge bets on winning the hard way

AFC Hedge End Town came from 2-0 down at half time to win their Southampton Divisional FA Junior B Cup second round derby against Hedge End City.

City led 2-0 before George Lucas pulled one back on the hour. Macaully Smith equalised in the 75th minute and Adam Martin netted a memorable winner in the 83rd.

There was also an impressive comeback for Southern Sports, who trailed 1-0 to an Aaron Blaxall goal at half time, before goals from

Craig Harper and Dan Hammond sealed a 2-1 win.

Testwood Tornados caused havoc against Abbotswood, winning 12-0 thanks to a brace of hat-tricks from Lee Wilkinson and Nathan Ward.

Two-goal Dillian Hopkins and strikes for Luke Shilton and Ryan Gomme completed the rout.

Will Pascal's extra time winner was the difference as Athletico Romsey Sunday beat RS

Nomansland Reserves 1-0.

Barway gave Chamberlayne Athletic A 6-0 hiding thanks to Nathan Gray (3), Ricky Hart (2) and Ben Moody.

OTs & Romsey were 3-0 victors at Park Gate Panthers thanks to a Mitch Down brace and an Adam Hope goal.

Sporting Compass raced into a 4-2 half-time lead against Whiteheart before winning 5-3, thanks to Harri Williams (2), Sam Driscoll, Richard Wakely and James Parsons.



Tottenham Hotspur's Vincent Janssen and AFC Bournemouth's Steve Cook battle for the ball during the Premier League match at the Vitality Stadium in which a disciplined Cherries held title-hopefuls Spurs to a point in an entertaining 0-0 draw

Akintolu's ripping effort gains point

CITY of Southampton Sunday League Premier Division strugglers Landguard earned their first point the season thanks to a net-buster from Tunde Akintolu against KRL.

After Steve Abbey netted with a free-kick that bounced over everyone's heads, Tunde ran down the left-flank before finding the top-right corner – at which point the net collapsed.

He and the goalkeeper both restored the rigging before the match finished 2-2 thanks to KRL goals for Lee Bore and Mike Smith.

Joe Moore thumped a second-half hat-trick to clinch a 3-3 draw for Fair Oak's Cricketers Arms against Senior division leaders Boyatt Wood, who had led 2-0 at half time through two-goal War-

ren Applegate and Nick Beattie.

Durley won 10-0 in their top versus bottom Junior One clash against AFC Carpeting thanks to a four-goal salvo from Ashley Dallimore.

Owen Williams, Martin Williams, Scott Kirkwood, Tim Hazeldine and Tyler Kinley also netted.

Gary Stoner's second half-equaliser earned a point for AFC Bishopstoke, who led at half time through James Bright.

Eastpoint scored a goal in each half through James Erskine and Elliott Bassett as they beat King George 2-1.

Junior Two leaders Curbridge stuffed Hunters Inn 6-1 thanks to Glenn Littleboy's hat-trick. Connor Young, Karl Littleboy and James Pitre also scored.

Marchwood opened up a six-

point gap over the pointless bottom two. They scored all their goals in the first half through Ben Saunders, Jack Mulroy, Sam Johnston and Jay Petty in a 4-2 win against Fryern (for whom Charlie Smith netted twice).

Mottisfont won their first game of the season in Junior Three to climb above Forest Home. They walloped their fellow mid-table 7-2 thanks to a Matt Bosanquet hat-trick and goals from Mike Macleod, Callum Caldwell, Dan Scott and Steven Frampton.

Jamie Hooper and Ashley Oliver scored second-half consolations for Forest Home.

There were also seven goals for Winsor United, for whom Ryan Hartley scored a hat-trick after goals from Marcus Buchan, Jamie Betteridge, Colin Eadie and Brett

Withey.

Junior Four leaders Southampton United maintained their 100 per cent record with an 8-1 win.

They scored four goals in each half, with Mitch Turley's hat-trick and Dan Diaper's brace supplemented by strikes from Ross Walton, Karl Manners and Charlie Parker.

Ed Garrod netted a second-half consolation for United.

Mayfield leapfrogged above Sholing Monks into third place with a 6-1 win that included a second-half hat-trick from Nick Chalk.

James Newman's first-half goal for Monks meant it was level at the break but Rovers ran riot in the second half, with Harry Parker netting a brace after Aiden Reidy's earlier strike.

GB's top 5 Olympians?

Jessica Ennis-Hill has announced her retirement after winning silver in the heptathlon at the Rio Olympics in the summer.

Here, Nick Mashiter looks at his top five British athletes.

DALEY THOMPSON

With two Olympic gold medals, three Commonwealth Games titles, two World Championships and one European Championship title, Thompson is one of the greatest athletes ever.

STEVE REDGRAVE

The 54-year-old won five Olympic rowing titles between 1984 and 2000 and is the fourth most decorated British Olympian after Sir Chris Hoy, Jason Kenny and Sir Bradley Wiggins.

Nine world titles and



Jessica Ennis-Hill

three Commonwealth Games crowns also sets him apart.

CHRIS HOY

Won his first Olympic gold in 2004, having already claimed three world titles and a Commonwealth Games crown in the one-kilometre time trial. Retired in 2013 with six Olympic gold medals and one silver.

SARAH STOREY

Initially started as a swimmer and won five golds before switching to the bike in 2005 and won her first title in Beijing while also claiming 22 gold medals at both the track and road World Championships.

JESSICA ENNIS-HILL

The poster girl for London 2012 won the heptathlon on Super Saturday to write her name into British Olympic folklore. Finished second in Rio this summer.

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The week's big talking
points with Adam Leitch

ADAM RANT

Mike hits a brace as Itchen collect first points

AFC Itchen's Mick England struck twice as his side clinched their first points of the season in Junior Five - with a 4-2 win against fellow strugglers AFC Mayflower.

James Brewer and Dave Batten also scored for Itchen, who were drawing 2-2 at half-time after Ben

Hutchings and Terry peat scored for Mayflower.

Junior Six leaders Testlands Reserves maintained their 100 per cent record with a 2-1 win against AFC Forestside thanks to goals from Dean Laxton and Ben Smith.

Hamwic Rovers kept up the

pressure by winning a 13-goal thriller 8-5 against AFC Itchen Reserves.

Pawel Burdzy and Dan Stockley scored a hat-trick apiece and there were also goals for Maciek Szumski and James Carnell.

Itchen's goals were shared between James Nash, James Neal,

Tolm Foster, Kyle Herbert and Jonny Pipes.

Riverside Rangers were threatening their first win of the season when they led at half-time through Joseph Laryea.

But second-half goals from Shane Mair and Lewis Parker ensured a 2-1 win for Nemesis.

New dad Penfold in cup celebration

JUSTYN Penfold celebrated fatherhood by scoring a 30-yard screamer as Chamberlayne Athletic thrashed RS Nomansland 5-1 to reach the semi-finals of the Southampton Divisional FA Senior Cup.

Penfold netted his wonder goal in Sunday's win, 24 hours after the birth of his son.

A brace apiece for Brad Flooks and Alex Sawyer completed the rout.

They were joined in the last four by Itchen Saints and Testlands.

Callum Drake scored a hat-trick as Testlands cruised into the semis with a 4-1 win at AFC Riverside.

Ajax Cashmore, Courtney Campbell and Mike Saunders all scored in Itchen's 3-1 win against Crusaders, whose solitary goal was netted by Andrew Powell.

● MATT Coulthard bagged a hat-trick as AFC Spitfire defeated Lyndhurst JFC, 5-2 after extra-time, in the second round of the Southampton Divisional FA Junior A Cup.

Hat-trick

Lyndhurst led 1-0 at half time through Andy Huggett and Chris Jones scored in the second half before Spitfire scored three without reply in extra time, with Neil Philpotts and Dawid Wrezel also getting on the scoresheet.

There was also a hat-trick for Lee Farrant-Poole as AFC Soton thumped Romsey Comrades 8-0.

Taylor Young bagged a brace, while Manraj Birring, Aiden Collins and Ceasor Olla completed the scoring.

Darren Joseph's second-half brace was not enough for AFC Portswood, who lost 3-2 at Bishops after trailing 2-0 at half-time. Jordan Ayles, Darren Atwill and Kev Stone's goals ensured Bishops' win.



Justyn Penfold, left, celebrated becoming a dad with a long-range goal

Bitterne Ducks clinched a seven-goal thriller against AFC Dorchester.

A brace apiece for Chris Pye and Zaine Rashid put Bitterne 4-2 up at half time. Jordan Saints scored twice for Dorchester, who pulled a goal back in the second half to set

up an exciting finish.

Portswood United progressed 3-1 against Royale Marine after a Jerome O'Brien brace. Clayd Roach also scored, while Tom Shann netted Marine's consolation.

Bridge Manor had a field day,

winning 4-1 against Test Valley Spartans.

Two-goal Liam Fielder and brother Callum Fielder netted fine goals, as did Shah Bani-Sadr to put them 4-0 up at the break.

Scott Dyer scored Spartans' consolation.

Big calls for England...

ENGLAND interim manager Gareth Southgate took the bold decision to drop captain and record goalscorer Wayne Rooney from the team to face Slovenia in their World Cup qualifier.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at other big calls made by previous England managers.

Alf Ramsey

The most famous England selection decision, and comfortably the most successful, came when Ramsey kept faith with Geoff Hurst for the 1966 World Cup final against West Germany despite goal machine Jimmy Greaves returning to fitness after being injured earlier in the tournament. With no subs in those days it was the boldest of calls from Ramsey but Hurst's Wembley hat-trick more than justified it.

Ron Greenwood

Greenwood picked Saints



Gareth Southgate

star Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking, who he called the engine room of his side, for the 1982 World Cup despite both carrying injuries. It backfired as neither were fit enough to play until the final match of the second group stage against hosts Spain. Both came on as substitutes with 27 minutes left but could not make a breakthrough as a goalless draw sent England home.

Glenn Hoddle

Hoddle claims axing Paul Gascoigne from England's 1998 World Cup squad was 'the saddest thing' he had ever done. Gascoigne had starred at Euro 96, where he scored a stunning goal against Scotland at Wembley. But two years later Hoddle felt he was not in good enough shape to compete in France and broke the news to a distraught 'Gazza' at the team's Spanish hotel.

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Great South Run results

MEN'S WINNERS

1990 Marti ten Kate (NED) 47:52
 1991 Thomas Naali (TAN) 47:11
 1992 Boay Akonay (TAN) 47:04
 1993 Gary Staines (GBR) 46:11
 1994 Gary Staines (GBR) 47:00
 1995 Benson Masya (KEN) 45:56
 1996 Gary Staines (GBR) 46:57
 1997 Christopher Kelong (KEN) 46:53
 1998 Stéphane Franke (GER) 47:40
 1999 Simon Kasimili (KEN) 47:42
 2000 Gert Thys (RSA) 48:26
 2001 Khalid Skah (MAR) 46:17
 2002 Simon Kasimili (KEN) 47:27
 2003 John Yuda (TAN) 46:35
 2004 Hendrick Ramaala (RSA) 47:14
 2005 John Yuda (TAN) 46:45
 2006 Simon Arusei (KEN) 47:17
 2007 Luke Kibet (KEN) 47:31
 2008 Bernard Kipyego (KEN) 46:42
 2009 Mo Farah (GBR) 46:25
 2010 Joseph Ebuya (KEN) 45:15
 2011 Leonard Komon (KEN) 46:18
 2012 Stephen Mokoka (RSA) 46:40
 2013 Emmanuel Bett (KEN) 48:03
 2014 James Rungaru (KEN) 46:31
 2015 Moses Kipsiro (UGA) 46:00

WOMEN'S WINNERS

1990 Alison Gooderham (GBR) 56:09
 1991 Olga Bondarenko (URS) 53:16
 1992 Iulia Negura (ROM) 53:19
 1993 Iulia Negura (ROM) 53:01
 1994 Gitte Karlshøj (DEN) 54:49
 1995 Liz McColgan (GBR) 53:12
 1996 Derartu Tulu (ETH) 52:39
 1997 Liz McColgan (GBR) 52:00
 1998 Marian Sutton (GBR) 54:17
 1999 Esther Kiplagat (KEN) 54:42
 2000 Restituta Joseph (TAN) 55:10
 2001 Restituta Joseph (TAN) 52:36
 2002 Sonia O'Sullivan (IRL) 51:00
 2003 Sonia O'Sullivan (IRL) 53:26
 2004 Benita Johnson (AUS) 52:32
 2005 Derartu Tulu (ETH) 51:27
 2006 Jo Pavey (GBR) 52:46
 2007 Rose Cheruiyot (KEN) 53:44
 2008 Paula Radcliffe (GBR) 51:11
 2009 Inés Monteiro (POR) 52:32
 2010 Grace Momanyi (KEN) 52:03
 2011 Aselefech Mergia (ETH) 52:55
 2012 Jo Pavey (GBR) 53:01
 2013 Florence Kiplagat (KEN) 53:53
 2014 Belaynesh Oljira (ETH) 52:40
 2015 Vivian Cheruiyot (KEN) 51:17



Mo Farah

Staines' 90s treble the highlight for UK men

ONLY two British men have ever won the Great South Run, Europe's most popular 10-mile race.

One is very well known: double Olympic champion Mo Farah.

The other less so, but Gary Staines won the GSR not once but three times back in the 1990s.

A long-distance runner who competed in the 1988 Summer Olympics, Staines was a silver medalist in the 5000m at the 1990 European Athletics Championships.

He was also successful on the British road racing circuit and

won the Reading Half Marathon (1996) and the Great Edinburgh Run (1993 and 1995), in addition to his GSR victories in 1993, 1994 and 1996.

The GSR started life in Southampton in 1990 – being sponsored by Diet Coke – before moving just a few miles east to Portsmouth 12 months later.

Dutchman Marti ten Kate was the winner of the inaugural 10-mile event in 47 minutes 52 seconds, while Bournemouth AC's Alison Gooderham, who surprised herself with a fast clock-

ing of 56min 09sec, was the women's winner.

Prison officer Thomas Naali from Tanzania escaped from the field to win in 1991 while Olga Bondarenko, the reigning Olympic 10,000m champion from Russia, clinched a star-studded women's race.

Another Tanzanian, Boay Akonay, was winner in 1992 – the first year the race was known as the BUPA Great South Run – with Iulia Negura from Romania scoring the first of her two successive victories.

Staines became the first British winner of the men's race in 1993 – after he had missed the whole of the 1992 season through injury – when setting a British best time of 46:11.

He repeated the feat in 1994 to defeat world marathon champion Douglas Wakiihuri.

In 1995 Benson Masya, after having just won a third Great North Run, spoiled Staines' ambitions of completing a hat-trick of Great South successes with a still-standing UK All-Comers record time of 45:56.

Trio vie to follow in Farah footsteps

Simon Carter

MO Farah was the last British winner of Hampshire's Great South Run.

The double Olympic champion triumphed over ten miles on the streets of Portsmouth and Southsea seven years ago.

Now there are three Brits aiming to follow his lead by winning the 2016 GSR this Sunday.

Hampshire-born Andy Vernon, Ross Millington and Chris Thompson are the trio aiming to put their name into the record books alongside Farah.

Vernon and Millington were part of Team GB in Rio, competing in the 10,000m, while Thompson recently returned to form at the Bank of Scotland Great Scottish Run half-marathon where he finished fourth in a time of 61:48.

The 35-year-old, who competed at the 2012 Olympics, will be racing his fifth Great South Run and says he is yet to perfect the art of running 10 miles.

"I've run far quicker in a ten-mile split in a half-marathon than I have run on that course, and it's not because I'm not in good shape, it's because I haven't got it right," said Thompson.

"That is going to be a bit of a challenge in itself, it's me against the course. I haven't had a race where the last two miles hasn't been a tripping over myself experience. Not because of the wind, I've run that without wind in the last two miles, and just misjudged it.

"There's a bit of a demon there for me to overcome. It's an awk-



Hampshire's Andy Vernon competing in the Great South Run in 2014.

ward distance. For some reason there's always a distance that athletes like, and that athletes don't like. That ten miles for me is a tough event."

Thompson, Vernon and Millington face domestic opposition in the shape of Jonny Mellor, Scott Overall and Adam Clarke, with USA's Jeffery Eggleston and Ireland's Paul Pollock providing the main overseas interest.

Ethiopia's Tirunesh Dibaba is

among those set to race the women's event as she returns to the roads of the UK after her third-place finish in the Great North Run half-marathon.

Dibaba also won the Great Manchester Run in May on her return to racing following the birth of her first child.

The world's leading 10-mile run starts and finishes in Southsea and gives participants a unique opportunity to run through Ports-

mouth's Historic Dockyard, passing landmarks such as HMS Victory, HMS Warrior and the Mary Rose Museum.

The flat course has been graced by world-class athletes such as Liz McColgan, Paula Radcliffe and Sonia O'Sullivan.

In all, around 30,000 people take part in four events across two days, including the Junior & Mini Great South Run and the Great South Run 5k.

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Itchen spurn chances and are held to a draw

ITCHEN were surprisingly held 1-1 at Queen Mary's in the Hampshire Colleges League.

Nick Yeomans equalised five minutes after the break, but Itchen spurned a host of chances, hitting the woodwork and forcing the QMC goalkeeper into numerous fine saves, **writes MIKE VIMPANY**.

Brockenhurst and Farnborough shared the spoils in a 2-2 draw – Matt O'Hare and Matt Reeves giving Boro' a half-time lead which was cancelled out in the second half.

Poole Grammar crossed two county boundaries to play Chichester – but Heap(ed) misery on their West Sussex hosts.

George Heap scored four times in Poole's 6-2 win – their fourth on the bounce – which Dash Howarth and Jaco Castillo-Macpherson enhanced.

● Eastleigh & Winchester allowed a 4-3 half-time lead to slip from their grasp and lost 6-4 to Gosport & Fareham in the English Schools'

Under-15 Trophy at Privett Park.

Jude Royall, Will Johnson, Max O'Mara and Finley Brett scored Eastleigh's first-half goals.

But Gosport wiped out the deficit through two goals each by Kai Sterne and Scott Faulkner, and singles from Jacob Payne and George Kirk.

Gosport's reward is a derby home tie with Portsmouth, while Southampton Boys host Exeter & East Devon.

Jones and Priske key to BP success

By Mike
Vimpany



BARTON Peveril are through to the last 32 of the English Schools FA Under-18 Hudi Colleges Trophy after a dramatic penalty shoot-out victory over Peter Symonds at Bereweke Road.

They beat the Hampshire Colleges League champions 6-5 after the teams finished 1-1 after extra-time.

Harry Priske hit BP's winner after eight rounds of spot-kicks.

But Nathan Jones was Barton's hero, climaxing a superb individual performance between the posts with two spot-kick saves – aside several splendid stops he made when Symonds pressed for a second-half victory.

BP led for almost an hour courtesy of a goalkeeping howler by Aaron Whitmarsh, who (instead of catching it) tried to fly-hack the ball away when a shot from the persistent Miles Gibson hit the inside of the post.

Barton were the better side in the first half and held their lead until the hour mark when Max Kirwan levelled, despite a fine save from the increasingly busy Jones.

PSC struck the woodwork and Jones made fine saves, while Whitmarsh's day took another turn for the worse when he collided with an opponent and had to leave the field with a jaw injury.

Markus Stewart took over the keeper's jersey – and later found himself centre stage in the decisive penalty shoot out.

He made one save, but the two stops Jones made and Priske's crucial eighth spot-kick gave BP a 6-5 margin of victory.

Barton Peveril are off to Brighton's Varndean College in round three, while Farnborough host



Harry Priske about to score the winning penalty. Inset – Nathan Jones

Brighton & Hove after thumping Richmond-Upon-Thames 5-1.

Sparsholt lost 3-1 to Henley. Victory in the ESFA Trophy put the icing on the cake of a fine week for Barton Peveril, who boosted their Colleges League prospects 48 hours earlier.

Sparsholt's decision to change half their outfield players at half-time cost them dear as BP ran

amok, scoring five second-half goals to win 6-1 at Chestnut Avenue.

Although Lewis Wild fired BP into an early lead, Sparsholt ought to have been ahead by half-time – Estonian Sergi Zagriva being denied after one spectacular run and several other chances being missed before Lewis Adams levelled it up.

Much changed Sparsholt fell apart after Sean McKenna restored BP's lead, livewire Tanaka Madzvamutse, affectionally known as TK, causing problems galore when he came off the bench.

The Sholing teenager scored twice and laid on a second for McKenna in between Drew Smith scoring BP's fifth.

Common people ...

Birmingham is the latest city to express serious interest in hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

Here the Sports Pink takes a look at the five declared contenders.

BIRMINGHAM

Population: 1.1 million

Sporting prowess: Frequent host of elite athletics and tennis events including Diamond League and Davis Cup. Hosting next year's ICC Champions Trophy.

Potential beach volleyball venue: The Bullring.

Fascinating fact: Birmingham boasts a 'Tolkien Trail' in honour of the author of Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit, whose parents were both from the city.

LIVERPOOL

Population: 466,000

Sporting prowess: Football apart, Liverpool's Echo Arena regularly stages major boxing and gymnastics events, while just up the road Aintree stages the annual Grand National.

Potential beach volleyball venue: The banks of the River Mersey.

Fascinating fact: 'Scouse' is a type of stew consisting of lamb or beef, cabbage, carrot, potatoes and onion.

AUCKLAND

Population: 1.375million

Sporting prowess: Hosted both the 1990 Commonwealth Games and the 1950 British Empire Games. Home to New Zealand Warriors, the only NRL side based outside Australia.

Potential beach volleyball venue: Anchor Beach.

Fascinating fact: One in three households in Auckland owns a boat.

EDMONTON

Population: 812,000

Sporting history: Hosted the 1978 Commonwealth Games, the 2001 World Athletics Championships, and the 2006 Women's Rugby World Cup.

Potential beach volleyball venue: Churchill Square.

Fascinating fact: Edmonton boasts North America's biggest shopping mall, covering 48 blocks.

PORT MORESBY

Population: 255,000

Sporting history: Port Moresby-based Hekari United won the OFC Champions League in 2010 and qualified for the FIFA Club World Cup. The city hosted the 2015 Pacific Games.

Potential beach volleyball venue: Botanic Gardens.

Fascinating fact: According to a survey by the Economist Intelligence Unit, Port Moresby was declared the most dangerous city in the world in 2004.

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RESULTS

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Premier League

AFC Bournemouth	0	Tottenham Hotspur	0
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Arsenal	0	Middlesbrough	0
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Burnley	2	Everton	1
HT 1-0		HT 1-0	
Hull	0	Stoke	2
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Leicester	3	Crystal P	1
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Liverpool	L	W.B.A.	L
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Swansea	0	Watford	0
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
West Ham	1	Sunderland	0
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	

Millwall	2	Fleetwood Town	1
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
M K Dons	0	Southend	0
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Oldham	0	Bristol R	2
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Peterborough	0	AFC Wimbledon	1
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Port Vale	2	Oxford Utd	2
HT 0-2		HT 0-2	
Shrewsbury	2	Northampton	4
HT 1-2		HT 1-2	
Swindon	0	Walsall	0
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	

Scunthorpe	15	4	3	0	17	5	5	1	2	15	10	31
Bradford	15	5	0	13	8	3	3	1	8	4	26	19
Sheff Utd	14	4	1	1	9	5	3	2	15	12	25	25
Bolton	14	3	3	1	7	5	4	1	2	8	5	25
Bristol R	14	3	2	1	10	8	3	3	2	13	12	23
Wimbledon	15	2	3	16	9	2	3	1	12	9	20	20
Port Vale	15	5	2	11	14	8	1	2	4	13	22	22
Northampton	15	3	2	13	9	2	2	4	11	21	21	21
Rochdale	15	4	1	2	11	6	2	2	4	7	12	21
Peterborough	15	3	3	16	9	2	2	3	10	12	20	20
Bury	14	4	0	3	12	8	1	2	5	7	20	20
Walsall	14	4	1	2	14	13	1	4	2	5	7	20
Fleetwood Tn	14	3	3	1	12	9	2	1	4	8	12	19
Oxford Utd	15	4	2	1	9	6	1	2	5	12	19	19
Southend	15	3	2	2	11	9	2	2	4	8	15	19
Millwall	14	3	2	2	11	9	2	1	4	12	17	18
Charlton	14	3	2	10	6	4	1	5	1	8	15	18
Gillingham	15	2	4	2	10	10	2	1	4	11	17	17
M K Dons	15	0	3	5	7	16	4	1	2	12	7	16
Swindon	15	3	0	5	8	10	1	4	2	7	9	16
Cove	14	2	0	7	4	4	1	5	11	15	15	15
Oldham	15	1	3	4	4	9	2	2	2	5	8	15
Chesham	14	3	1	4	12	13	0	2	4	4	8	12
Shrewsbury	15	1	2	5	8	15	1	2	4	7	13	10

Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

Inverness CT.....	1	Kilmarnock.....	1								
Portsmouth 86		Coulibaly 7 pen									
HT 0-1		Alt 2,591-1									
Partick.....	1	Ross City.....	1								
HT 0-1		Burke 90									
Welsh 24 pen		Alt 3,777-1									
HT 1-0											
	HOME		AWAY								
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Celtic	8	4	0	0	17	3	3	1	0	9	5
Aberdeen	9	3	2	0	9	3	2	1	1	8	5
Hearts	9	3	1	1	11	4	2	1	1	5	3
Rangers	9	2	2	0	5	2	2	1	5	2	9
St Johnstn	9	1	1	2	3	5	3	1	1	8	4
Inverness CT10	2	2	2	10	9	0	2	2	2	3	9
Ross City10	1	1	2	4	6	1	3	2	4	8	10
Kilmarnock10	0	2	2	4	9	2	2	2	5	7	10
Motherwell	9	1	1	2	6	7	1	2	2	5	7
Hamilton	9	1	2	1	4	0	3	3	7	11	8
Partick7	1	3	2	7	8	0	1	2	3	6	7
Dundee9	0	2	3	4	8	1	1	2	4	6	6

Ladbrokes Scottish Ch'ship

Ayr Utd	1	Queen St	0
HT 0-0		HT 1,842	
Dundee Utd	2	Dumbarton	1
HT 0-0		R Thomson 73	
Dunfermline	1	Hibernian	3
HT 0-0		Wedderburn 55 og, Holt 66	
Falkirk	2	Raith	4
HT 1-0		Davidson 17	
Morton	1	Stewart 37,79	
HT 1-2		McManus 72	
		Att 4,773	

HOME						AWAY					
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
Hibernian	10	2	1	1	8	4	4	2	0	8	2
Dundee Utd	10	3	1	0	10	5	2	1	2	7	6
Raith	10	3	1	1	9	7	2	2	1	5	3
Queen St	10	3	1	1	8	5	2	1	2	9	8
Falkirk	10	4	0	2	11	8	1	2	1	4	4
Ayr Utd	10	2	2	2	4	4	2	0	3	6	10
Morton	9	2	2	0	10	13	1	1	3	8	9
Dunfermline	10	2	0	3	10	13	0	1	4	3	7
Dumbarton	10	1	2	2	2	5	0	1	4	7	11
St Mirren	9	0	2	3	3	9	0	2	2	6	9

Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 1

Airdrieonians	4	Queen Park	1
HT 3-23 pen,28 pen,74 pen		Millen 23 pen	
Stewart 45		At 702	27
HT 3-1		J Brown 79	1
Albion R	0	Peterhead	1
HT 0-0		At 360	27
Livingston	3	Alloa	1
Miller 55		Spence 90 pen	
Buchanan 62,90		At 977	27
HT 0-0		Lo 60	3
Stenhousemuir	1	Brechin	3
McIlhenny 56		McLean 69	6
HT 0-0		McCormack 84	1
Stranraer	1	East Fife	1
HT 0-1		At 352	27
		Brown 25	1
		At 428	27

Scottish Cup Second Round

Annan Athletic	0	E Stirling	0
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Arbroath	3	Stirling University	1
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
BSC Glasgow	0	Beith	1
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Banko ODee	2	Formartine United	2
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Berwick	2	Hawick Royal Albert	3
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Bornyrry Rose	2	Cove	1
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Brora	0	Clyde	2
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Buckie T	1	Gretna 2008	1
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Cowdenbath	0	East Kilbride	1
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Cumbernauld Colts	2	Forres M	2
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Edinburgh City	0	Forfar	0
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
G Fairdean	0	Elgin	4
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	

Huntly

Huntly	0	Spartans	2
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Linlithgow Rose	0	Stirling A	3
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	
Preston Athletic	0	Montrose	3
HT 0-0		HT 0-0	
Wick Academy	4	Whitehill W	1
HT 0-1		HT 0-1	

Vanarama National League

Dagenham	1	Macclesfield	1									
Okefenah 18		Holroyd 90										
HT 1-0												
Dover	6	Braintree Town	1									
Thomas 18		Matthews 12										
Mill 22,26,33,48												
Parkinson 40												
HT 5-0												
Forest Grn.	3	Guiseley	0									
Carter 20												
Douglas 47												
Lawlor 58 og												
HT 2-0												
Lincoln City	0	EASTLEIGH	0									
HT 0-0												
Maidshead Utd.	0	Gateshead	0									
HT 0-0		D Johnson 45,70										
HT 1-0												
Solihull Moors	0	Tranmere	3									
HT 0-0		Kirby 17,81										
		Nonwood 90										
HT 0-1												
Southport	1	Sutton Utd.	1									
Jones 37		Collins 57 pen										
HT 0-0												
Torquay	0	Aldershot	0									
HT 0-0												
Woking	1	Barrow	1									
Tubbs 51 pen		Harrison 20										
HT 0-0												
Wrexham	2	Bromley	1									
Harrod 44		Turgott 56										
McDonagoh 80												
HT 0-0												
York	1	Chester FC	1									
Fry 70		Richards 90										
HT 0-0												
<div>HOME</div> <div>AWAY</div>												
P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Forest Grn	16	5	3	0	14	4	6	0	2	18	7	36
Dagenham	16	5	2	1	12	3	5	0	3	14	9	32
Lincoln City	16	4	2	2	18	6	5	1	2	11	8	30
Tranmere	16	6	0	2	12	5	3	3	2	8	5	30
Barrow	16	5	3	0	14	6	3	3	2	10	9	30
Macclesfield	16	5	0	3	13	7	4	2	2	11	9	29
Aldershot	16	6	1	1	13	5	2	4	2	7	8	29
Dover	16	6	0	2	12	3	3	1	4	9	15	28
Gateshead	16	4	3	1	15	5	4	0	4	12	11	27
EASTLEIGH	16	5	1	2	14	8	2	5	1	12	7	27
Boreham W	16	3	2	3	6	5	4	4	0	14	6	27
Chester FC	16	6	0	2	18	5	1	4	3	6	11	25
Grays	16	6	0	2	13	6	1	2	5	7	14	23
Wrexham	16	4	3	1	7	4	2	1	5	16	12	22
Solihull Moors	16	3	2	3	15	16	2	2	4	7	12	19
Torquay	16	4	2	2	10	7	1	1	6	4	12	18
Bromley	16	2	2	4	9	17	3	1	4	10	8	18
Walsingham	16	1	3	4	9	17	4	0	4	10	12	18
Woking	16	3	2	1	11	5	0	2	6	6	22	14
Woking	16	3	2	3	14	13	0	2	6	9	21	13
Braintree Tn	16	1	2	5	8	15	1	2	5	5	15	10
N Ferriby	16	2	1	5	4	10	1	0	2	16	11	10
Southport	16	1	3	4	7	14	1	1	6	5	22	10
Guiseley	16	2	2	4	13	14	0	1	7	6	16	9

Vanarama National Lge Sth

Vanarama National Lge Sth			
Bath City.....	0	Dartford.....	1
HT 0-0		Wandsworth.....	1
B Stortford.....	1	St Albans.....	5
Akinwande 89		Bender 61, Merson 62	
HT 0-0		Theophanous 65,82	
Chelmsford.....	4	Morais 90	
Jeffers 63,67 pen		H Hempstead.....	4
Lees 78		Saunders 3,20	
Mullings 90		Potton 50,55	
HT 0-2		Parkes 90 pen	
East Thurrock.....	1	Ebbsfleet United.....	1
Ferdinand 21		Lewis 45	
HT 1-1		HT 60-0	
Gosport Borough.....	1	Wealdstone.....	3
Coate 45		Whitchell 15, Benyon 46,90	
HT 1-1		Maidenhead Utd.....	3
Hampton & Richmond.....	2	Prichard 8, Inman 19	
Lowe 14,79		Upward 69	
HT 1-2		HT 1,146	
Hungerford Town.....	0	Poole Town.....	1
HT 0-0		Brooks 90	
Margate.....	1	HT 325-0	
Phipps 75		Concord Rgs.....	5
HT 0-2		Chiedozie 12	
Oxford C.....	0	Cawley 34,48,67	
HT 0-0		HT 429-2	
Truro City.....	2	Laucys 62	
Rooney 58		HT 278	
Thompson 65		Weston-S-Mare.....	0
HT 0-1		Eastbourne.....	2
Welling U.....	1	Hughes 121	
Coomes 22		Khinda-John 4	
HT 1-1		Whitehawk.....	2
		Abdulla 20	
		Mills 84	

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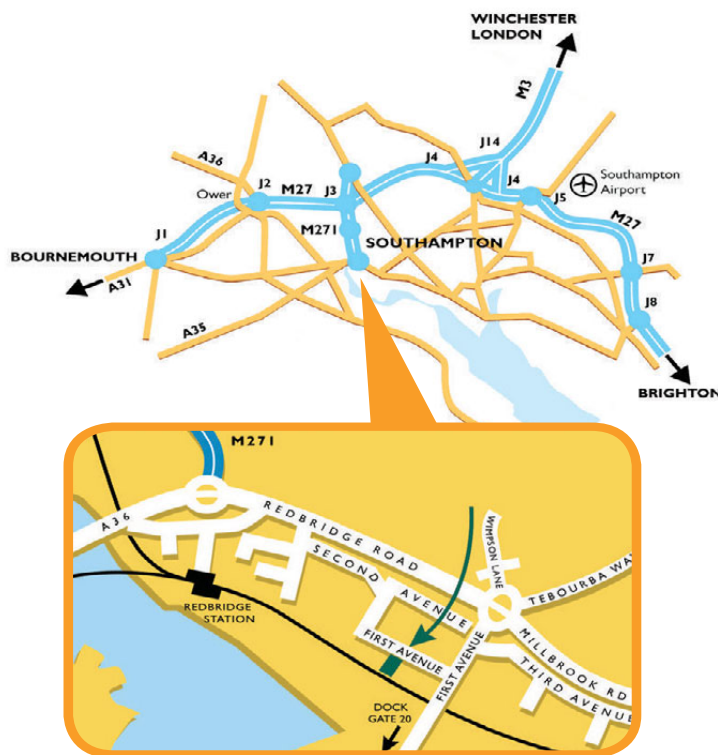
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